

Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council Commissioners Court Meeting

Item ID 36257 Agenda Number 32.

Meeting Date: 9/25/2014 Department: Health and Human Services

Subject

Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$162,000 in grant funds from the TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES and amending the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Health and Human Services Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20130909-001) to appropriate \$162,000 and one full-time equivalent position for the Austin Healthy Adolescent Program for the delivery of community services to adolescents between the ages of 10 to 24.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available from the Department of State Health Services, Texas Healthy Adolescent Initiative Grant. The grant period is September 1, 2014 through August 30, 2015.

Fiscal Note	
A fiscal note is attached.	
Purchasing	
Language:	
Prior Council	On September 09, 2013, Council approved the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Health and Human
Action:	Services Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund Ordinance No. 20130909-001.
	Carlos Rivera, Director, Health and Human Services Department, 972-5010; Dr. Rosamaria
For More	Murillo, Asst. Director for Maternal Child and Adolescent Health, 512-972-5038; Tim
Information:	Eubanks, AHA Program Supervisor, 512-972-5475; Elena Shemilina, Agenda Coordinator,
	512-972-5010.
Boards and	
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Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

The Texas Department of State Health Services Office of Title V and Family Health in the Family and Community Health Services Division has awarded Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) \$162,000 in grant funds. The awarded funds help to develop and implement a strategic plan to address high rates of HIV/STIs transmission among adolescents in Austin/Travis County through positive youth development strategies. HHSD's Austin Healthy Adolescent Program (AHA) will strategically increase the quantity and quality of schools and organizations implementing comprehensive positive youth development strategies to reduce HIV/STI adolescent transmission. The AHA utilizes knowledge of these strategies in engaging, empowering, and collaborating with communities across Austin/Travis County in order to support youth in taking ownership of their own health and working to advance the health of their communities.

The AHA envisions a future where adolescents are active decision makers and fully engaged in improving their own health and the health of our communities. To this end, all programmatic efforts aim to improve the overall health and well-being of adolescents between the ages of 10 to 24 by aligning and improving community resources and building upon community strengths. The AHA staff works to achieve these outcomes by improving collaboration with other service providers, enhancing systems of services for adolescents, and promoting engagement of adolescents in community improvement efforts.

Performance Measures: Number of adolescents receiving sexual health education or skills development training will be utilized in recording adolescent clients reached through AHA's scope of work.

The General Fund will not be required to contribute to this grant or to the funding of this position. When the grant funds expire, HHSD's need for the position will be evaluated and the position may be eliminated. All department grant application requests are reviewed by the Budget Office prior to submission to ensure that the grant minimizes the financial impact to the City.