

# **Recommendation for Council Action**

Austin City Council Item ID 39757 Agenda Number 14.

Meeting Date: 2/12/2015 Department: Health and Human Services

## Subject

Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of grant funds in the amount of \$90,000 from the TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES, OFFICE OF TITLE V & FAMILY HEALTH, and amending the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Health and Human Services Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20140908-001) to appropriate \$90,000 for the Health and Human Services Department to develop a local healthy Texas babies coalition to reduce preterm births and infant mortality.

## Amount and Source of Funding

\$90,000 in funding is available from the Department of State Health Services (DSHS), Healthy Texas Babies Grant. The grant period is February 1, 2015 through August 31, 2015. Two (2) one (1) year renewal options (FY 2016 and FY 2017) are available.

#### Fiscal Note

#### A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	On September 8, 2014, Council approved the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Health and Human Services Department Operating Budget, Special Revenue Fund, Ordinance No. 20140908-001.
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Boards and Commission Action:	
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## Additional Backup Information

The Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department was awarded \$90,000 in grant funding for Healthy Texas Babies Grant from the Texas Department of State Health Services to develop a local coalition that will implement evidence-based interventions (EBIs) to reduce preterm births and infant mortality in the local community. The General Fund will not be required to contribute to this grant.

#### **PERFORMANCE MEASURES:**

#### Related Departmental Goals:

Improve maternal, child, and adolescent health outcomes from preconception through young adulthood.

Assist people in achieving safety, stability, and long-term self-sufficiency.

The goals of the grant are to: 1) Provide local coalition with a major role in shaping community programs to reduce infant mortality using EBIs; 2) Reduce disparities in poor birth outcomes and maternal mortality; 3) Reduce preterm birth and infant mortality.

### Outcomes:

- Increased proportion of women with a preventive health screening and assessment in the year prior to pregnancy
- Increased number of provider encounters that include preconception counseling
- Decrease in alcohol consumption prior to pregnancy
- Decrease in drug use prior to pregnancy
- Decrease in pre-pregnancy overweight and obesity
- Decreased proportion of women with uncontrolled or poorly-controlled diabetes prior to pregnancy
- Decreased proportion of women with uncontrolled or poorly-controlled hypertension prior to pregnancy
- Reduced rate of pregnancies occurring within < 24 months of a previous completed birth</li>
- Decreased rate of repeat pregnancy among teen mothers
- Decreased proportion of women with repeat adverse birth outcomes
- Increased number of women of childbearing age reporting daily ingestion of folic acid supplements ≥400mcg