

Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council Item ID 49387 Agenda Number 28.

Meeting Date: 9/17/2015 Department: Health and Human Services

Subject

Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$122,552 in additional grant funds from the TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES, AUSTIN, TEXAS, and amending the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Health and Human Services Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance 20140908-001) to appropriate \$122,552 for the Regional and Local Services System-Local Public Health System programs.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$320,552 is available from the Texas Department of State Health Services. A City match is not required. The grant period is September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2017.

Fiscal Note	
A fiscal note is attached.	
Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	On September 9, 2014, Council approved the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Health and Human Services Department Operating Budget, Special Revenue Fund Ordinance No. 20140909-001.
For More Information:	Shannon Jones, Director, Health and Human Services Department, 972-5010; Stephanie Hayden, Assistant Director, 972-5017; Maria Allen, HHS Manager, Neighborhood Services Unit, 972-5086; Elena Shemilina, Agenda Coordinator, 972-5033.
Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:	
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

The Texas Department of State Health Services (TDSHS) allocates funds for the Regional and Local Social Services-Local Public Health Systems Grant that provides funding for a Registered Nurse Senior position located at the Rosewood-Zaragosa Neighborhood Center and a Program Supervisor position located at the St. John Community Center. Both positions are responsible for overseeing the delivery of preventive health services. The services provided include informing educating, and empowering the community with respect to health issues and linking individuals who have a need for personal health services to the appropriate community and/or private providers. Targeted service areas include the St. John, Central East Austin, and South/Southeast Austin neighborhoods.

The Health and Human Services Department was notified that TDSHS has moved the contract to a two-year term, and has allocated a total of \$320,552 for the term, which extends from September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2017. This item is time sensitive to ensure services are provided to the community. A delay in accepting these additional grant funds in the amount of \$122,552 may negatively affect meeting the grant's performance measures, and the funder may terminate or suspend funding.

The General Fund will not be required to contribute additional funds beyond those currently budgeted to this grant. When the grant funds expire, the Health and Human Services Department's need for continuing funding will be evaluated and may be denied.

Performance Measures

Related Performance Measures include:

- Provide 150 health education presentations within the St. John's, Central East, and South/Southeast Austin communities.
- Coordinate and participate in 20 community health projects on a quarterly basis with local health and human service providers.

Provide 5,000 community residents with linkage to a medical home and/or social services.