

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	63898	Agenda Number	24.
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Meeting Date:	11/3/2016	Department:	Health and Human Services
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Subject

Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$65,192 in grant funds from the TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, and amending the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Health and Human Services Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20160914-001) to appropriate \$65,192 for the delivery of basic needs, case management, employment support and preventive health services to low-income residents.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$65,192 is available from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs. The grant period is January 1, 2016 through March 31, 2017.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	On September 14, 2016, Council approved Ordinance No. 20160914-001 adopting the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Operating Budget.
For More Information:	Shannon Jones, Director, 512-972-5010; Donna Sundstrom, Assistant Director for HHSD Community Services, 972-6844, Maria Allen, HHS Manager for Neighborhood Services, 972-5086, Elena Lloyd, Agenda Coordinator, 972-5033.
Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:	On October 13, 2015, the Community Development Commission voted to approve the CSBG 2016 Budget.
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

The City receives an annual formula-based Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA). The CSBG provides administrative support to a network of local community action agencies, which provide services to low-income residents. The City is considered the "community action agency" for Travis County. The CSBG program provides funding for the delivery of basic needs, case management, preventive health and employment support services to low-income residents through the City's six neighborhood centers and three field offices.

TDHCA had initially estimated the 2016 CSBG allocation to be \$1,093,000. The Health and Human Services Department received notification from TDHCA of the final 2016 allocation, which was a \$65,192 increase over the original estimated allocation, for a new total amount of \$1,158,192. These ongoing funds allow for continued support of personnel who conduct CSBG activities and services, and provide direct client assistance to individuals in need of achieving self-sufficiency and a transition out of poverty.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

- Number of unduplicated persons served for the first time by the Neighborhood Services Activity for basic needs: 60,000
- Number of unduplicated persons served by the Public Health Nursing activity: 7,000
- Percent of clients who followed through with referrals to a health provider: 85%
- Number of jobs obtained by individuals enrolled in the employment support services program: 50
- Number of unduplicated households receiving case management through Neighborhood Services Unit: 315
- Percent of households enrolled in self-sufficiency case management who report a reduction or elimination of income barriers: 75%

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.