

# AGENDA



## Recommendation for Council Action

### AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting: December 7, 2017

Item Number: **037**

### Public Health

Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$157,948 in additional grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and amending the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Austin Public Health Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20170913-001) to appropriate \$157,948 for the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS program, which provides rental, mortgage, utility and support services to people with the human immunodeficiency virus.

<b>Lead Department</b>	Austin Public Health.
<b>Fiscal Note</b>	A fiscal note is attached. Funding in the amount of \$157,948 is available from the Department of Housing and Urban Development by way of a contract with Neighborhood Housing and Community Development. The grant period is from October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2018. No City match is required.
<b>Prior Council Action</b>	On September 13, 2017 Council approved Ordinance No. 20170913-001 adopting the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Operating Budget which authorized \$1,139,000 in grant appropriation for Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA). On August 3, 2017, the Council approved Resolution No. 20170803-019 adopting the City's Fiscal Year 2017-18 Annual Action Plan related to the allocation of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) grant funds.
<b>For More Information</b>	Stephanie Hayden, Interim Director, 512-972-5010; Adrienne Sturup, Acting Assistant Director, 512-972-5167; Greg Bolds HIV Resources Administration Manager, 512-972-5081; Estella Kirscht, Agenda Coordinator, 512-972-5039.

<b>Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action</b>	On June 13, 2017 the Community Development Commission received input from the community, (as part of the HUD-required citizen participation plan) which resulted in continued support of both the Rent, Mortgage, Utility Assistance, and Residential Supportive Services programs.
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### **Additional Backup Information:**

The US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) awarded Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) grant funds in the total amount of \$1,296,948 for HIV-related housing services to be provided in the Eligible Metropolitan Statistical Area (EMSA). The EMSA includes Travis, Williamson, Hays, Bastrop, and Caldwell counties. Services under the HOPWA grant include short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance; tenant-based rental assistance; housing placement; and residential housing supportive services for HIV positive clients living in a qualified residential setting. The annual grant award is formula- driven and is a function of the total amount of HOPWA housing funds appropriated by the U.S. Congress and the reported number of AIDS cases in the Austin Transitional Grant Area. HOPWA grant funds may be expended over three years from the date of the annual grant award.

HUD requires a citizen participation plan and input received from the community allowed for the continued support of both the Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Assistance, and Residential Supportive Services programs.

The approved Fiscal Year 2017-2018 City of Austin Annual Plan includes HOPWA funding disbursements as follows:

Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Assistance	\$ 904,030
Residential Supportive Services	\$ 354,010
Administration	<u>\$ 38,908</u>
	\$ 1,296,948

### **Related Departmental Goal:**

Promote and foster increased self-sufficiency, health behaviors and lifestyle among targeted populations.

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

