

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting: November 15, 2018

Item Number: **027**

Public Health

Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Austin Public Health Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20180911-001) authorizing 14.0 full-time equivalent grant positions for the Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment program, also known as the 1115 Waiver Program.

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| Lead Department | Austin Public Health. |
| Fiscal Note | Funding in the amount of \$9,070,000 is available in the Austin Public Health Department's 1115 Medicaid Waiver budget. Continued funding is contingent on successful contract performance and available funding in future 1115 Medicaid Waiver budgets. |
| Prior Council Action | On August 2, 2012, Council approved Resolution No. 20120802-029, which established Council's support for participation in the Federal 1115 Medicaid Waiver Program on a 7-0 vote. |
| For More Information | Stephanie Hayden, Director, 512-972-5010; Kymberley Maddox, Assistant Director of Administrative Services, 512-972-5041; Richard Waite, Grants Program Manager, 1115 Waiver, 512-972-5001; Estella Kirscht, Agenda Coordinator, 512-972-5039. |

Additional Backup Information:

Approval of this item will authorize the addition of 14 full-time equivalent grant positions (FTE's) to support the Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) program, also known as the 1115 Waiver Program. Austin Public Health (APH) will accept new applications for eight of the fourteen FTE's, which include five Community Workers, one Research Analyst, one Medical Social Worker, and one Medical Technologist II. The remaining six positions are currently filled by temporary employees that APH will convert to regular employees, which include one Public Health Program Coordinator, two RN Seniors, one Phlebotomist, one Patient Representative, and one Community Worker.

The DSRIP program funds multiple services within APH and the 14 positions are essential for the successful implementation of the program and achievement of the performance goals. The services supported by these positions include immunizations to at-risk adults, post-partum care, diabetes education, tobacco cessation, chronic disease screening and management, blood pressure and diabetes control, and service delivery system improvements. As a performing provider in the DSRIP Program, APH must enhance and reform its service delivery system by adding additional services, such as A1C testing and blood pressure screenings, and providing care coordination and follow-up.

On December 21, 2017, Texas Health and Human Services Commission accepted an agreement with the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services for a five-year extension of the 1115 DSRIP program through September 30, 2022. APH's continued participation in the DSRIP program equates to more than \$19 million drawn down in funds through the program over the next two years. Because this is not a direct cost reimbursement program, the department does sustainability planning with 1115 waiver funds and plans to draw down funding through 2024 to sustain these services.

Related Department Goals:

- Improve Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Outcomes
- Improve Quality of Life to Reduce the Years of Potential Life Lost due to Preventable Chronic Diseases
- Minimize the Spread of Communicable and Infectious Diseases within the General Population
- Assist People in Achieving Stability and Self-Sufficiency

The General Fund will not be required to contribute additional funds beyond those currently budgeted for this program and these positions. When the grant funds expire, APH's need for the positions will be evaluated and the positions may be eliminated.