



BOARD/COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

Commission on Immigrant Affairs

Recommendation Number: 20220307-2d3: Fund Refugee Health Screening Clinic

WHEREAS, we heard testimony from staff of the City of Austin Refugee Health Screening Clinic regarding the work that they do and the challenges that they face; and

WHEREAS, Austin has seen an increase in arrivals of refugees, including from Afghanistan, and will be seeing new refugees from Ukraine, in addition to continued refugee arrivals from other parts of the world; and

WHEREAS, prior to the Ukrainian refugee crisis, the Refugee Health Screening Clinic was projecting for FY22 over four times the number of refugees in the Austin/Travis County area as compared to FY21; and

WHEREAS, the work of the Refugee Health Screening Clinic supports the city's outreach efforts to new immigrants and refugees, especially in the area of public health.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission on Immigrant Affairs recommends that we provide funding to the City of Austin Refugee Health Screening Clinic to pay for the salaries of two FTE staff.

Date of Approval: March 7, 2022

Record of the vote: Unanimous on a 9-0 vote with Glenn Rosales absent

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Attest:

Staff Liaison