



Grant
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

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SUBJECT: Authorize acceptance of grant funds in the amount of \$650,000 from the United States Health Resources and Services Administration Healthcare for the Homeless grant program; and amend the Fiscal Year 2003-2004 Community Care Services Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 030909-01 to appropriate \$650,000 and create 10 full-time equivalent positions.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding is available in the United States Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Healthcare for the Homeless grant program. The grant period is from May 1, 2004 to April 30, 2007. No City match is required.

FISCAL NOTE: A fiscal note is attached.

REQUESTING Community Care Services
DEPARTMENT:

DIRECTOR'S
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PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: N/A

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

PURCHASING: N/A

MBE / WBE: N/A

The HRSA-approved CCSD proposal was triggered by the growing unmet demand in Austin for homeless healthcare and substance abuse services. National research indicates that, compared to the general population, homeless people experience higher rates of upper respiratory infections, trauma, skin ailments, gastrointestinal ailments, and hypertension. They are statistically more susceptible to communicable diseases such as tuberculosis and HIV/AIDS. They are also more likely to have substance abuse, mental health, dental, and vision treatment needs. Over the course of a year, it is estimated that 12,000 to 20,000 individuals will experience homelessness within Travis County. Yet primary care services dedicated to the homeless, including those provided by CCSD's homeless health services unit at its Salvation Army clinic site, reach only 10-20% of these individuals. Many homeless people seek primary care and dental services at Brackenridge Hospital Emergency Room. Others are admitted to Brackenridge as inpatients or for specialty care after unmanaged chronic conditions such as diabetes have worsened and led to acute symptoms.

The approved proposal allows CCSD to significantly expand the capacity and scope of its homeless healthcare unit. The grant would fund:

§ The provision of healthcare services to an additional 3,300 new patients over and above the 1,200 currently served at the Salvation Army clinic

§ The addition of new medical and nursing staff to optimize the new clinic space within the new Austin Resource Center for the Homeless (ARCH), completed by the end of April 2004.

§ New dental staff to more fully utilize CCSD's dental van and provide homeless dental care 20



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hours per week.

§ Optometric equipment to allow volunteer optometrists to partner with CCSD and provide vision exams and eye glasses to homeless clinic patients.

§ Remote medical, substance abuse, and case management services targeting homeless women and children at the Safeplace Shelter

§ Remote medical, substance abuse, and case management services targeting homeless youth at LifeWorks

§ The hiring of case management and outreach staff with experience in substance abuse assessment and treatment to assist patients in navigating the system to obtain healthcare, housing, employment, substance abuse, and mental health services.

No matching City dollars are required, and the program will not require additional expenditures of City dollars to cover overhead costs.

To optimize federal grant dollars, CCSD's approved proposal leverages multiple local in kind resources. For example, the new clinic space at the ARCH and the dental van, which have already been funded, create a ready-made opportunity to expand service by adding staff whose salaries and benefits are grant funded. CCSD will also expand on its existing partnership with Austin Travis County Mental Health mental Retardation (MHMR) and the jointly managed Integrated Behavioral Health (IBH) program operating in several of CCSD's Community Health Centers. The IBH program supervisor will manage the new homeless case management and substance abuse assessment and referral services. In addition, SafePlace and LifeWorks have both agreed to provide exam room space at their respective facilities to allow CCSD to serve homeless women, children, and youth who will be less likely than single men to seek treatment at the ARCH. The utilization of these and other community resources is designed to make federal grant dollars go much further toward expanding the number of homeless people served. It is also designed to create a No Wrong Door environment that provides access not only to basic healthcare, but also a range of other services that assist people in ending their homelessness.

OPERATING BUDGET

Fiscal Note

DATE OF COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

5/27/2004

WHERE ON AGENDA:

Ordinance

DEPARTMENT:

Community Care Services

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

	Approved Budget 2003-2004	Impact of this Action	Amended Budget 2003-2004
HRSA Homeless Grant	\$0	\$650,000	\$650,000
TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$650,000</u>	<u>\$650,000</u>
FTEs	0	10	10.0

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: \$ 650,000 Funding is available through a HRSA Homeless Grant

Budget Office:



Date:

5/27/04

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS AND AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2003-2004 COMMUNITY CARE SERVICES DEPARTMENT OPERATING BUDGET OF ORDINANCE NO. 030909-01; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

PART 1. The Council authorizes the acceptance of \$650,000 in grant funds from the United States Health Resources and Services Administration Healthcare for the Homeless grant program.

PART 2. The Council amends the Fiscal Year 2003-2004 Community Care Services Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 030909-01 to appropriate \$650,000 and create 10 full-time equivalent positions to expand the capacity and scope of its homeless healthcare unit.

PART 3. The Council finds that the need to amend the budget constitutes an emergency, a grave public necessity, and an unusual and unforeseen condition that could not, by reasonable diligence, have been included in the original budget for the current fiscal year. Because of this emergency, this ordinance takes effect immediately on its passage for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

PASSED AND APPROVED

_____, 2004

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Will Wynn
Mayor

APPROVED: _____
David Allan Smith
City Attorney

ATTEST: _____
Shirley A. Brown
City Clerk