

A U S T I N C I T Y C O U N C I L

## AGENDA



Thursday, November 16, 2006

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**Health and Human Services  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****ITEM No 12**

**Subject** Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$1,449,044 in grant funds from the TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES (DSHS), PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS SECTION, Austin, TX, amending the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Health and Human Services Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No 20060911-001 to appropriate \$1,449,044 between the Public Health Preparedness (PHP) Program Base Funding grant and the Public Health Preparedness Pandemic Influenza grant, and extending the grant period through August 31, 2007. These additional grant funds bring the total grant amount to \$2,775,044.

**Amount and Source of Funding** Funding is available from the Texas Department of State Health Services, Public Health Preparedness Section. The grant period is September 1, 2005 through August 31, 2007. No City match is required.

**Fiscal Note** A fiscal note is attached.

**Additional Backup Material**

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[D PHP/Pandemic Flu Grants Amendment](#)[D Ordinance](#)[D Fiscal Note - Revised](#)

**For More Information** Dr. Adolfo Valadez, HHSD Medical Director, 972-5805, Janet Pichette, Program Manager, PHP Program, 972-5486, Linda Terry, Agenda Coordinator, 972-5023.

**Prior Council Action** Approved Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Operating Budget on September 11, 2006.

## **PHP/Pandemic Flu Grants**

### **Background**

The Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department (ATCHHSD) received \$1,131,979 for the grant period September 1, 2005 through August 31, 2006 to conduct Public Health Preparedness (PHP) activities defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and categorized to address nine public health preparedness goals. Prior to the grant period ending, an additional \$191,257, specific to Pandemic Influenza and the grant period was extended to December 31, 2006. Because this amount was below the approved authorization amount, it was not necessary to ask Council to accept these funds. Rather than begin a new grant year effective September 1, 2006, DSHS awarded \$921,926 for the PHP functions and \$529,882 for the Pandemic Flu grant-related activities and extended the existing contract to August 31, 2007. These new grant amounts exceed the current approved authorization and require action of the City Council to accept the funds, amend the FY07 Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund for ATCHHSD and appropriate the funds bringing the total grant amount to \$2,775,044 for the entire grant period of September 1, 2005 through August 31, 2007.

The PHP Base grant initially provided funding for 19 FTEs in three ATCHHSD units: Epidemiology and Public Health Response, Disease Surveillance, and Communications and Community Development. In FY 2006-2007, the PHP Base grant has activities with the purpose to:

- 1 Increase the use and development of interventions known to prevent human illness from chemical, biological, radiological agents, and naturally occurring health threats
- 2 Decrease the time needed to classify health events as terrorism or naturally occurring in partnership with other agencies
- 3 Decrease the time needed to detect and report chemical, biological, radiological agents in tissue, food, or environmental samples that cause threats to the public's health
- 4 Improve the timeliness and accuracy of information regarding threats to the public's health as reported by clinicians and through electronic early event detection in real time to those who need to know
- 5 Improve the timeliness and accuracy of information regarding threats to the public's health as reported by clinicians and through electronic early event detection in real time to those who need to know
- 6 Decrease the time to identify causes, risk factors, and appropriate interventions for those affected by threats to the public's health
- 7 Decrease the time needed to provide countermeasures and health guidance to those affected by threats to the public's health
- 8 Decrease the time needed to restore health services and environmental safety to pre-event levels
- 9 Increase the long-term follow-up provided to those affected by threats to the public's health
- 10 Decrease the time needed to implement recommendations from after-action reports following threats to the public's health

During FY 2006, Congress appropriated emergency supplemental funds for pandemic influenza preparedness activities. The emergency supplemental funds were administered by the DSHS and amended the PHP grant and specifically intended to foster developing and exercising pandemic influenza plans. The PHP Pandemic Influenza grant includes funding for four temporary employees to assist with pandemic influenza planning and exercising sentinel disease surveillance, risk communication and community outreach. Pandemic influenza grant activities include:

- 1 Increase the use and development of clinical, non-pharmaceutical, and risk communications interventions known to minimize the spread of influenza
- 2 Decrease the time needed to detect and report an influenza outbreak with pandemic potential
- 3 Improve the timeliness and accuracy of communications regarding the threat posed by an influenza outbreak with pandemic
- 4 Decrease the time to understand modes of transmission, risk groups and risk factors, and appropriate interventions
- 5 Decrease the time needed to implement rapid outbreak response actions and provide other countermeasures, including personnel, risk communications, and health interventions and guidance to those at risk of pandemic influenza

**Performance Measures**

These additional grant funds are for grant period September 1, 2005 through August 31, 2007 and will not affect performance measures

**ORDINANCE NO.**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS  
AND AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2006-2007 HEALTH AND HUMAN  
SERVICES DEPARTMENT OPERATING BUDGET OF ORDINANCE NO.  
20060911-001 TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS.**

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

**PART 1.** The Council approves the acceptance of grant funds in the amount of \$1,449,044 from the Texas Department of State Health Services, Public Health Preparedness Section, Austin, Texas

**PART 2.** The Council amends the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Health and Human Services Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No 20060911-001 to appropriate \$1,449,044 to the Public Health Preparedness Program Base Funding grant and to the Public Health Preparedness Pandemic Influenza grant; and extending both grant periods through August 31, 2007

**PART 3.** This ordinance takes effect on \_\_\_\_\_, 2006

**PASSED AND APPROVED**

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Will Wynn  
Mayor

**APPROVED:** \_\_\_\_\_  
David Allan Smith  
City Attorney

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Shirley A Gentry  
City Clerk

**OPERATING BUDGET**  
**Fiscal Note**

**DATE OF COUNCIL CONSIDERATION**  
**WHERE ON AGENDA**  
**DEPARTMENT**

11/16/2006  
Ordinance  
Health and Human Services

Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$1,449,044 in additional grant funds from the TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES (DSHS), PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS SECTION, Austin, TX, and amending the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Health and Human Services Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No 20060911-001, to appropriate \$1,449,044 for the Public Health Preparedness (PHP) Program's personnel and recurring costs, and amending the grant period to September 1, 2005 through August 31, 2007 These additional grant funds bring the total grant amount to \$2,775,044

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

	<u>Approved Budget</u>	<u>Impact of this Action</u>	<u>Amended Budget</u>
<b>Special Revenue Fund</b>			
<b>PHP Program</b>			
9/01/2005 - 12/31/2006	1,326,000	0	1,326,000
9/01/2005 - 08/31/2007	0	1,449,044	1,449,044
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>\$1,326,000</u>	<u>\$1,449,044</u>	<u>\$2,775,044</u>
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