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TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Greg Canally, Interim Chief Financial Officer
Shannon Jones, Director, Austin Public Health

DATE: February 13, 2017

SUBJECT: Immigrant Legal Services Funding

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Shannon Jones

Per City Council Resolution 20161215-066, the City Manager was asked to work with City departments to identify emergency funding for immigrant legal services and outreach efforts through the remainder of FY 2017. Staff has identified \$200,000 in one-time funds in the Law Department that could be used for these services.

The City – through Austin Public Health – already manages an existing social services contract with Catholic Charities of Central Texas (CCCTX) to provide immigrant legal services and counseling. The current contract was awarded through the Health Equity services solicitation process and became effective April 1, 2016. Services under this contract include counseling, legal services, and education/outreach through “Immigration 101” sessions at libraries and churches throughout the community. Performance goals established under the contract include an objective of serving 84 unduplicated clients annually. CCCTX is currently meeting this objective and has indicated current client needs actually exceed their current caseload capacity.

It is estimated that with these \$200,000 in one-time funds, the contract with CCCTX can be enhanced to serve an additional 50 clients monthly over the next twelve months. Therefore, staff recommends allocating these one-time funds toward the existing CCCTX contract to accommodate the additional caseload demand. Staff will be bringing forward a Request for Council Action on the February 16, 2017 agenda for increasing this social services contract.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact either of us.

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