

AGENDA



Thursday, January 14, 2010

**Health and Human Services
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

Item No. 16

Subject: Approve negotiation and execution of an Interlocal Agreement with the TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES to purchase human immunodeficiency virus medications for eligible clients under the City's Ryan White Part A HIV Emergency Relief Project grant for a six-week term beginning January 14, 2010, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Operating Budget of the Health and Human Services Department Special Revenue Fund, Ryan White Part A HIV Emergency Relief Project grant program. The agreement period is January 14, 2010 through February 28, 2010. The grant period is March 1, 2009 to February 28, 2010.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

For More Information: Vince Cobalis, Assistant Director for Human Services, 972-5011, Mark Peppler, HIV Resources Administration Manager, 972-5081, Linda Terry, Agenda Coordinator, 972-5023

Prior Council Action: September 10, 2008 - Council approved the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Budget.

The City of Austin Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) received an initial notice of grant award (NGA) on March 7, 2009, in the amount of \$1,434,310 from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) for the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Modernization Act Part A (Part A), HIV Emergency Relief Project Grant, for the grant period of March 1, 2009 through February 28, 2010. A supplemental NGA in the amount of \$2,644,429 was received on April 20, 2009, for a total grant award amount of \$4,078,739, an increase of \$540,549 from the prior year's award.

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), an agency of DHHS, has authorized specific HIV service categories for allocation of Part A funds. One of these HRSA-defined categories is the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP), a State-administered program authorized under Part B of the Ryan White Grant Program that provides Federal Drug Administration approved medications to low-income individuals with HIV who have limited or no coverage from private insurance, Medicaid, or Medicare. The Ryan White HIV Planning Council has allocated funds to this service category, including any unobligated grant funds identified during the last quarter of the grant year.

The proposed City of Austin contract with the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) will help serve the growing number of clients living with HIV who reside in the Austin Transitional Grant Area (TGA) comprised of Bastrop, Caldwell, Hays, Travis, and Williamson counties. DSHS will provide eligible clients residing in the TGA with approved formulary medications supplied by the Texas ADAP.

For the period March 1, 2008 through February 28, 2009, the DSHS expended \$4,984,716 of Ryan White Part B funding on ADAP medication for Austin TGA eligible clients, averaging over \$13,656 per day. The cost of providing HIV medications increases each year and the additional medications purchased through this agreement will help offset those rising costs. Other Texas Part A jurisdictions, currently the Dallas Eligible Metropolitan Area (EMA) and the San Antonio TGA, have an ADAP contract with DSHS.

Statement Required by Corporate Budget Office: All department grant application requests are reviewed by the Budget Office prior to submission to ensure that the grant minimizes the financial impact to the City.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

HHSD Related Departmental Goal:

Promotion/Prevention/Protection: Social Services – Promote and foster increased self-sufficiency, healthy behaviors and lifestyle among targeted populations.

OUTPUT MEASURE:

The Texas Department of State Health Services' AIDS Drug Assistance Program will provide approximately 230 prescriptions for HIV medications at an average cost of \$434 per prescription for eligible clients residing in the Austin TGA.