

AGENDA



Thursday, September 23, 2010

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

Item No. 33

Subject: Authorize execution of an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with TRAVIS COUNTY and The UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN, School of Social Work Center, for human immunodeficiency virus prevention services and public health education and information, for a ten-month term beginning on September 1, 2010, in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Operating Budget of the Health and Human Services Department.

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

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Prior Council Action: September 16, 2009 adoption of the Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2009-2010.

The City of Austin and Travis County use local general revenue funds to support various human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) prevention and support services programs in the community. Travis County has partnered with The University Of Texas At Austin, School of Social Work Center for Social Work Research, to provide HIV prevention services through the Healer Women Project. Healer Woman is an innovative HIV prevention program designed to result in effective behavioral and attitudinal change for African American women who are at risk of contracting HIV and other diseases through unsafe sexual activity and/or substance abuse. African American women continue to be disproportionately impacted by HIV. In 2007, the rate of newly reported HIV cases among African American women in Travis County was 23.2 cases per 100,000, while that of White women and Hispanic women was 2.3 and 3.6 respectively.

The City of Austin was asked to provide \$10,000 in one-time funding to Travis County for use in the Healer Woman Project, to help the County build an infrastructure for long-term implementation through coordination with other community collaborators. Funding provided by the City will support the recruitment and retention of eligible African American women in the project through the provision of advertising and food provided to participants during intervention sessions.

Performance Measures

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

Output Measures:

Approximately 45 African American women will participate in the Healer Women intervention training program.

Outcome Measures:

The expected outcomes for those participating in the training sessions are:

Know and understand the basic African-Centered Behavioral Change Model.

Study and understand African-Centered philosophies of health promotion and disease prevention.