

AGENDA



Thursday, December 9, 2010

**Health and Human Services
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 17**

Subject: Approve an ordinance accepting \$679 in grant funds from the TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, Community Services Block Grant, and amending the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Health and Human Services Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 20100913-002 to appropriate \$679 for the delivery of basic needs, case management, employment support and preventive health services to low-income residents. These additional grant funds bring the total grant amount to \$892,679.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Community Services Block Grant. The grant period is January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010. No City match is required.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

For More Information: Vince Cobalis, Asst. Director, Human Services, 972-5011; Cathleen Rodriguez, HHS Manager, Healthy Neighborhood Unit, 972-5092; Charles Kemp, Agenda Coordinator, 972-5023.

The City of Austin receives an annual formula-based Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA). The CSBG provides administrative support to a network of local Community Action Agencies that provide services to very low-income residents. The City of Austin is considered the "Community Action Agency" for Travis County. The grant program provides funding for the delivery of basic needs, case management, preventive health and employment support services to low-income residents through the City's six (6) neighborhood centers.

The City's Health and Human Services Department received notice of additional funds in the amount of \$1,543 from TDHCA. The grant appropriation in the 2009-2010 budget was \$892,000. The requested increase represents the difference between the grant appropriation of \$892,000, which was previously approved, and the amended grant award amount, which is \$892,679.

The additional funds will be used towards the annual client tracking system training provided to CSBG sub-recipients by SHAH Software and other operating expenses. No performance increase is expected in the basic needs, case management, employment support and preventive health activities.

The General Fund will not be required to contribute to this grant.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

Related Department Goal Promotion/Prevention/Protection: promote social services and foster increased self-sufficiency, healthy behaviors and lifestyle among targeted populations.

No impact on performance measures