

Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council Item ID 38192 Agenda Number 46.

Meeting Date: 12/11/2014 Department: Health and Human Services

Subject

Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$167,996 in additional grant funds from the TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES, WIC PROGRAM, Austin, TX, and amending the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Health and Human Services Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20140908-001) to appropriate \$167,996 for maintaining WIC services.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$167,996 is available from the Texas Department of State Health Services. The grant period is October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015.

Fiscal Note	
A fiscal note is attached.	
Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	On September 9, 2014, Council approved the Fiscal Year 2014-15 Health and Human Services Department Operating Budget, Special Revenue Fund Ordinance No. 20140908-001.
For More Information:	Dr. Rosamaria Murillo, Asst. Director for Maternal Child and Adolescent Health, 512-972-5038; Donna Sundstrom, WIC Manager, 512-972-6844; Elena Shemilina, Agenda Coordinator, 512-972-5010.
Boards and Commission Action:	
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Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

The Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) is a preventive program that targets women and children below 185% of federal poverty level. The WIC Program provides nutrition education, breastfeeding support, and nutritious foods to pregnant women, infants, and children up to age five.

The purpose of this grant is to provide a lactation center for WIC mothers with breastfeeding problems, a training center for WIC local agency staff and other health providers to receive clinical experience working with breastfeeding mothers, and a statewide breastfeeding resource center for health providers to utilize for information and assistance when working with pregnant and breastfeeding women. The additional \$167,996 will be used for WIC operating expenses.

The current approved grant appropriation in the 2014-15 budget is \$5,828,000. The requested increase of \$167,996 represents the difference between the approved grant appropriation of \$5,828,000 in the fiscal year 2014-15 budget and the grant award of \$5,995,996.

The additional funds will be used to cover increases in personnel and operating costs, and are not expected to increase performance measures.

This amendment will not affect performance measures. The General Fund will not be required to contribute to this grant.

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.