

Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council Item ID 54099 Agenda Number 25.

Meeting Date: 1/28/2016 Department: Health and Human Services

Subject

Authorize the negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with the TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES to purchase human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) medication for eligible clients of the Ryan White Part A HIV Emergency Relief Project grant, for a six-month term from January 1, 2016 through June 30, 2016, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$400,000.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Operating Budget of the Health and Human Services Department Special Revenue Fund, Ryan White Part A HIV Emergency Relief Services grant. The grant period is March 1, 2015 through February 29, 2016.

Fiscal Note A fiscal note is not required. Purchasing Language: November 20, 2014, Council approved Ryan White Part A-Interlocal Agreement with Texas Department of State Health Services. On September 8 2015, Council approved Ordinance **Prior Council Action:** No. 20150908-001 adopting the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Operating Budget. On September 17, 2015, Council approved Part A contract increase. Shannon Jones, Director, 512-972-5010; Stephanie Hayden, Deputy Director for HHSD Community Services, 972-5017, Greg Bolds, HIV Resources Administration Unit Manager, For More Information: 972-5081, Elena Lloyd, Agenda Coordinator, 972-5033. Council Committee, Boards and **Commission Action:** MBE / WBE: Related Items: Additional Backup Information

This proposed interlocal agreement with Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) is for a total contract amount not to exceed \$400,000. The cost of providing HIV medications increases each year, and the purchase of medications through this agreement counteracts rising costs and demand for HIV medications for the growing number of HIV clients. DSHS will provide eligible clients residing in the Austin Transitional Grant Area (TGA), comprised of Bastrop, Caldwell, Hays, Travis and Williamson counties, with approved formulary medications supplied by the Texas AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP).

The grantor is the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), an agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. HRSA has authorized specific HIV service categories for the allocation of Part A funds. One of these HRSA-defined categories is ADAP, a State-administered program authorized under Part B of the Ryan White Grant Program that provides medications approved by the Federal Drug Administration 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 chosen to allocate funds to this service category.

This council item is time sensitive to ensure that services are provided to the community without delay. A delay in accepting these funds may negatively impact meeting the grant's performance measures and the funder may terminate or suspend funding.

Related Department Goal:

Promotion/Prevention/Protection: Promote social services and foster increased self-sufficiency, and healthy behaviors and lifestyle among a targeted population.

Performance Measures:

Output Measures:

Under this agreement, HHSD estimates that the DSHS ADAP will be able to supply approximately 930 prescriptions of HIV medications at an average cost of \$445 per prescription for eligible clients residing in the Austin TGA.

The Budget Office reviews all Department grant application requests prior to submission to ensure that the grant minimizes the financial impact to the City.