

# **Recommendation for Council Action**

Austin City Council		Item ID	6575	59	Agenda Number		26.
Meeting Date:	12/15/2016			Dep	partment:	Health a	ınd Human Services

## Subject

Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$199,260 in grant funds from the Texas Department of State Health Services, and amending the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Health and Human Services Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20160914-001) to appropriate \$199,260 in grant funds and to authorize the addition of two full-time equivalent positions to coordinative HIV medical care services.

### Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$199,260 is available from the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS). The grant period is January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017. A City funding match is not required.

# Fiscal Note A fiscal note is attached. Purchasing Language: Prior Council Action: On September 14, 2016 Council approved Ordinance No. 20160914-001 adopting the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Operating Budget. Shannon Jones, Director, Health and Human Services Department, 972-5010; Saeed Azadi, Unit Manager, Communicable Disease Unit, 972-5413; Elena Lloyd, Agenda Coordinator 972-5033. Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action: MBE / WBE: Related Items:

### Additional Backup Information

The Texas Department of State Health Services (TDSHS) allocates federal pass-through funds for the STD-HIV Grant to assist the City of Austin Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) to provide clinical and preventive services to the community to reduce the incidence of sexually transmitted diseases (STDs). Program objectives focus on the reduction/elimination of syphilis and the prevention and reduction of HIV, gonorrhea, chlamydia and other STDs within Travis County.

HHSD was granted an additional \$199,260 for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 for a 1.0 full-time equivalent (FTE) Program Supervisor grant position and a 1.0 FTE Data-to-Care, Disease Intervention Specialist (DIS) grant position. The 1.0 FTE Program Supervisor will hire, supervise, and train the DIS as required by state and federal guidelines. The DIS will identify, locate, and link care to individuals who have had no HIV-medical care services, or have been without care for six months or longer. In addition, this individual will support the front line supervisor in complex and adverse disposition case management. The additional funding brings the grant award to \$640,260, and will help achieve the goal of improving quality of life and reducing the years of potential life lost due to preventable conditions.

No performance measures will be affected.

The General Fund will not be required to contribute additional funds beyond those currently budgeted to this grant or to the funding of these positions. When the grant funds expire, the Health and Human Services Department's need for the positions will be evaluated and the positions may be eliminated.