

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting : February 15, 2018

Item Number: **030**

Public Health

Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Austin Public Health Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 201709013-001) to add five full-time equivalent grant positions for the 1115 Medicaid Waiver program.

Lead Department	Austin Public Health.
Fiscal Note	Funding in the amount of \$9,070,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2017-2018, 1115 Medicaid Waiver budget. The five positions require expenditures of \$378,511, which will be offset by the same amount of revenue recovered for their work through the 1115 Waiver Program. A City funding match is not required. A fiscal note is attached noting the increase of five grant funded positions.
Prior Council Action	On August 2, 2012, Council approved a Resolution (Resolution No. 20120802-029) supporting participation in the Federal 1115 Medicaid Waiver Program.
For More Information	Stephanie Hayden, Interim Director, 512-972-5010; Richard Waite, Grants Program Manager, 1115 Waiver, 512-972-5001; Estella Kirscht, Agenda Coordinator, 512-972-5039.

Additional Backup Information:

The Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP), also known as the 1115 Medicaid Waiver, funds multiple services within Austin Public Health (APH). These services include immunizations to at-risk adults, permanent-supportive housing services, maternal and infant health coordination, diabetes education, tobacco cessation, adolescent health, and workforce development. As a participant in the new waiver extension, APH must enhance and reform our service delivery system by adding additional services, such as A1C testing and blood pressure screenings, and provide care-coordination and follow-up.

On December 21, 2017, the Texas Health & Human Services Commission accepted an agreement with the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services for a five-year extension of the 1115 DSRIP program through September 30, 2022. If APH meets its metrics and milestones, continued participation in the DSRIP program will equate to more than \$37M in a draw-down of funds through the program over the course of the extension.

The five full-time equivalent positions requested in this item demonstrate APH's commitment to employees who have served the public through DSRIP as temporary employees over the past five years and who will continue to serve the public through the new waiver extension, while at the same time bolstering APH's ability to meet performance targets. The five positions require expenditures of \$378,511, which will be offset by the same amount of revenue recovered for their work through the 1115 Waiver Program.

Related Department Goal:

- Improve maternal, child and adolescent health outcomes
- Improve quality of life to reduce the years of potential life lost due to preventable chronic diseases
- Minimize the spread of communicable and infectious diseases within the general population
- Assist people in achieving stability and self-sufficiency

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 APH's need for the positions will be evaluated and the positions may be eliminated.