



Recommendation for Action

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Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract with the Texas Department of State Health Services for implementation of the Texas Healthy Communities grant for prevention of chronic disease in underserved communities in Travis County in the amount of \$500,000 for a five-year term.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$100,000 is available from the Texas Department of State Health Services. The grant period is October 1, 2019, through August 31, 2020. Funding for extension options is contingent upon availability of funding in future budgets.

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Additional Backup Information:

Chronic diseases account for nearly three out of every five deaths in Austin; are the major cause of illness, disability, and death in Travis County; and contribute greatly to local economic costs. Currently in Travis County, about 60% of adults are overweight or obese and 11% of adults are smokers. Chronic disease prevention aligns with the Austin Strategic Direction 2023 Health and the Environment Strategic Outcome, the 2017 Austin/Travis County Community Health Improvement Plan, and the Imagine Austin Healthy Austin Priority Program. The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) is allocating funds to Austin Public Health for implementation of the Texas Healthy Communities grant. This grant award will empower Austin to reduce chronic disease by conducting a comprehensive assessment and then implementing locally driven environmental, policy, or systems changes in health indicators such as physical activity, healthy food access, healthy schools, mother-friendly environments, healthy worksites, comprehensive tobacco control, and cardiac and stroke response. The City will be awarded \$100,000 for the period of October 1, 2019 thru August 31, 2020, with four 12-month renewal options each in the amount of \$100,000.

City staff and collaborating agencies will complete a comprehensive assessment in eight indicator areas to determine areas of focus for this grant. Two to three indicator areas will be chosen, and an action plan will be created for each of these indicators. Interventions will consist of policy, systems, and environmental changes, as well as media/awareness campaigns to improve chosen indicators, and will focus on communities that are disproportionately impacted by chronic disease.

Subcontracts are likely to be required and may be awarded to large employers, schools, hospital systems, and other collaborating agencies and City Departments based on the results of the assessment. Procurement of subcontracts, if identified, will follow City purchasing policies and procedures.

There is no match requirement for this grant, and no new FTEs have been requested. However, the need for

temporary staff has been identified.

Performance:

APH performance goal:

Improve quality of life and reduce the years of potential life lost due to preventable conditions.

The assessment results will inform development of project specific goals and objectives, however this grant will likely impact the following key performance indicator and operational performance measures for Austin Public Health:

Key Performance Indicator:

Reduce the percentage of adults age 18 years and older who are current tobacco users.

Operational Performance Measures:

Increase the number of community changes in the area of chronic disease prevention.

Reduce the percent of adults overweight and obese in Austin/Travis County.

Increase the total number of health promotion/health education activities or programs conducted and/or facilitated in the area of chronic disease prevention and control.