



Recommendation for Action

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Posting Language

Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Austin Public Health Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20200812-001) to accept and appropriate \$995,674 in additional grant funds from the Texas Health and Human Services Commission for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

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Additional Backup Information:

The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children is a preventative program that targets women and children below 185% of the federal poverty level. The program provides nutrition education, breastfeeding support, and nutritious foods to pregnant women, infants, and children up to age five.

The grant from the Texas Health and Human Services Commission will also provide a lactation center for mothers with breastfeeding problems, a training center for 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 \$995,674 grant will be used for operating expenses.

The currently approved grant appropriation in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budget is \$6,443,000. The requested increase of \$995,674 represents the difference between the approved grant appropriation in Fiscal Year 2020-2021 and the grant award of \$7,079,427.

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

The General Fund will not be required to contribute additional funds beyond those currently budgeted to this grant. When the grant funds expire, the Austin Public Health Department's need for continuing funding will be evaluated and may be denied.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Health and Environment.