



## Recommendation for Action

**File #:** 21-2211, **Agenda Item #:** 80.

6/10/2021

### **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 \$4,087,502 in grant funds from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, for the delivery of COVID-19 Vaccine Outreach.

### **Lead Department**

Austin Public Health.

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$4,087,502 is available from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The contract period of this grant funding is June 1, 2021 through May 31, 2023. A City funding match is not required. A fiscal note is attached.

### **For More Information:**

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### **Additional Backup Information:**

On May 27, 2021, Austin Public Health (APH) received notification of the 2021 award for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention COVID-19 Health Disparities Grant (CDC-RFA-OT21-2103) for the contract term June 1, 2021 through May 31, 2023.

APH will administer the program titled "Reach In, Reach Out and Vaccinate: Place-based Outreach & COVID-19 Vaccination for Populations of Focus in the Austin Area" (Reach In, Reach Out) which will provide expanded vaccine outreach to communities of color and historically marginalized communities. Services are organized into six APH divisions: Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Epidemiology and Preparedness, Health Equity and Community Engagement, Homeless Services, Environmental Health Services, and Community Services. This proposed project will be housed in Health Equity and Community Engagement and Homeless Services Divisions. The two primary strategies addressed will be 1) to build, leverage, and expand infrastructure support for COVID-19 prevention and control among populations that are at higher risk and are underserved; and 2) mobilize partners and collaborators to advance health equity and address social determinants of health as they relate to COVID-19 health disparities among populations at higher risk and those that are underserved.

Outcomes include: 1) Reduced vaccination barriers; 2) Increase in culturally and linguistically appropriate shared/collaborative messaging; 3) Increase in fully vaccinated populations of focus; 4) Increase of vaccine doses to populations of focus; and 5) Increase in number of vaccination events/opportunities for focus populations.

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

evaluated and may be denied.

**Strategic Outcome(s):**

Health and Environment.