



Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-2802, **Agenda Item #:** 33.

8/26/2021

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 \$1,250,000 in grant funds from the Texas Department of State Health Services and authorize 5.0 full-time equivalent grant-funded positions, for the COVID-19 Public Health Workforce Expansion Grant.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$1,250,000 is available funds from the Texas Department of State Health Services. The contract period of this funding is through June 30, 2023. A City funding match is not required. A fiscal note is attached.

For More Information:

Adrienne Sturup, Interim Director, 512-972-5167; Laura G. La Fuente, Interim Assistant Director, Health Equity and Community Engagement Division, 512-972-5095; Ruth Dalrymple, Agenda Coordinator, 512-972-5024.

Additional Backup Information:

The funds from Public Health Workforce Grant will be used to establish, expand, train, and sustain the state, tribal, and territorial public health workforce to support jurisdictional COVID-19 prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery initiatives. The five full-time equivalent positions (FTE's) will consist of Research Analyst Sr., Equity and Inclusion Coordinator, Training Specialist Sr., Human Resources Advisor Sr., and Community and Engagement Specialist, that will ensure a diverse public health workforce is hired, trained and retained to respond and recover from COVID-19. Funding is provided by the grant for Fiscal Years 2021-2023.

This grant supports activities to establish, expand, train and sustain a diverse public health workforce in support of the COVID-19 response, and is in alignment with the Public Health Crisis Response Cooperative Agreement for Emergency Response (Funding Opportunity Number CDC-RFA-TP18-1802) from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (also known as the CDC).

The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) will monitor the City's performance and compliance in accordance with its grant requirements and will develop performance measures in collaboration with the City.

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, Austin Public Health Department's continued funding for these positions will be evaluated and the positions may be eliminated.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Health and Environment.