



Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-2778, Agenda Item #: 26.

9/2/2021

Posting Language

Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Austin Public Health Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20210811-001) to accept and appropriate an additional \$513,000 in grant funds from the United States Committee for Refugees and Immigrants and to add 1.0 full-time equivalent grant position, for the Refugee Health Grant.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

Funding is available from the United States Committee for Refugees and Immigrants for Federal Fiscal Year 2021-2022 starting October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022. A City funding match is not required. A fiscal note is attached.

Prior Council Action:

August 14, 2020 - Council approved Ordinance No. 20200814-001 adopting the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Operating Budget.

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Additional Backup Information:

This funding is provided by United States Committee for Refugees and Immigrants (USCRI) for Federal Fiscal Year 2021-2022, starting Oct. 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022.

The goal of the USCRI Refugee Health Grant is to provide health screening, assessment, referral services, and follow-up for Refugees, Amerasians, Cuban/Haitian Entrants, Asylees, and U. S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Refugee Resettlement-certified victims of severe forms of trafficking, certain Iraqis and Afghans granted special immigrant status by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services.

The Federal Fiscal Year 2021-2022 grant budget includes one additional new grant-funded Patient Representative full-time equivalent (FTE) position, which brings total grant staff from 8 to 9 FTE's.

The Federal Fiscal Year 2021-2022 grant award was increased by the grantor to \$1,552,442 from the Federal Fiscal Year 2021-2021 grant amount of \$958,484.

Current City Council approval authorizes acceptance of up to \$1,040,000 in USCRI grant funds, and the increased Federal Fiscal Year 2021-2022 grant award requires authorization for an additional \$513,000 in order to accept the increased Federal Fiscal Year 2021-2022 grant award in the amount of \$1,552,442.

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

Strategic Outcome(s):

Health and Environment.