



Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-3100, **Agenda Item #:** 22.

10/21/2021

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 \$3,604,098 in additional grant funds from the Texas Department of State Health Services and to add 2.0 full-time equivalent grant funded positions, for the COVID-19 Vaccination Capacity Grant.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$3,604,098 is available from the Texas Department of State Health Services. The grant period is May 11, 2021 through June 30, 2024. A City match is not required. A fiscal note is attached.

Prior Council Action:

May 6, 2021 - Council approved 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 \$5,102,084 in grant funds and authorizing 5.0 full-time equivalent grant funded positions from the Texas Department of State Health Services COVID-19 Vaccination Capacity Grant, on an 11-0 vote.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

This action will authorize the acceptance and appropriation of an additional \$3,604,098 in grant funds for the COVID Capacity grant, for a total grant amount of \$8,706,182. This grant focuses on active COVID-19 resource expansion for the immunization program and beyond, for the local community. The program is proposing to onboard 2.0 full-time equivalent (also known as FTE) grant funded positions and 18.0 temporary staff to support administering vaccines, educating the community about COVID-19 and its vaccines, providing support to community vaccine providers, and working with community partners to reach various populations with messaging and information. The current grant award began May 11, 2021 through June 30, 2024. The grant application crosses four fiscal years (Fiscal Year 2021 through Fiscal Year 2024) for the Texas Department of State Health Services (also known as DSHS).

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's need for these positions will be evaluated and the positions may be eliminated.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Health and Environment.