



Recommendation for Action

File #: 22-2565, **Agenda Item #:** 187.

7/28/2022

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 \$500,000 in grant funds from the Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women and add 1.0 full-time equivalent grant funded position, for the Firearms Technical Assistance Project Pilot Sites Initiative.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$500,000 is available from the Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women. The grant period is July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2025. A City funding match is not required. A fiscal note is attached.

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Additional Backup Information:

The grant funding related to this item is provided by the Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women in the amount of \$500,000 for the grant period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025.

This action will also authorize the addition of 1.0 full-time grant funded Public Health Program Coordinator position to lead the implementation of the pilot project referred to as the Firearms Technical Assistance Project Pilot Sites Initiative. This position will be held within the Office of Violence Prevention

The Firearms Technical Assistance Project Pilot Sites Initiative will take a comprehensive, culturally specific approach to addressing firearm relinquishment to enhance victim safety. This project will address the nexus of firearms and domestic violence by establishing a standardized firearm surrender protocol across jurisdictions in Austin and Travis County.

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 Office of Violence Prevention's need for this position will be evaluated and the position may be eliminated.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Safety, Health and Environment.