



**Budget Amendment
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

**AGENDA ITEM NO.: 9
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SUBJECT: Approve an ordinance authorizing the acceptance of \$75,000 in grant funds from the ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON FOUNDATION, Princeton, NJ, and amending the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Health and Human Services Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 20050912-001, to appropriate \$75,000 for the Health Promotion/Disease Prevention Unit to create an infrastructure and long-term strategic plan to explore opportunities for improving patient care and public health through the interactive exchange of health information between the local health department and community stakeholders.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding in the amount of \$75,000 is available from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. The grant period is from December 1, 2005 through November 31, 2006. No City match is required.

FISCAL NOTE: A fiscal note is attached.

REQUESTING Health and Human
DEPARTMENT: Services

**DIRECTOR'S
AUTHORIZATION:** David Lurie

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Adolfo Valadez, M.D., M.P.H., Medical Director, 972-5408; Wilma Perez, Unit Manager, 972-6216; Linda Terry, Agenda Coordinator, 972-5023

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: Approval of Fiscal Year 2006 Operating Budget on September 12, 2005.

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

Background

The purpose of this RCA is to accept \$75,000 in grant funds from Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Improved access to, and use of, existing data would facilitate chronic and infectious disease as well as intentional and unintentional injury surveillance information-sharing, and would improve methods for reporting data to the local health department as mandated by local, state, and federal regulations. In addition, more integrated sharing of data could lead to improvements in timeliness and accuracy of data which could in turn lead to more rapid and effective response to public health emergencies such as disease outbreaks or tracking of current community health issues. Furthermore, improved data sharing between the local health department and local health care providers and organizations would allow for the integration of pertinent information into the clinical decision-making process, strengthen the collaborative relationship between public health and private health care providers, and ultimately improve community health while using scarce resources more efficiently and effectively. After the completion of the proposed project, the desired outcome would be the implementation of a shared vision for the exchange of individual- and population-level data to better inform clinical decision-making, educate the public regarding health status indicators, improve the quality of health services, increase access to health care services, and improve public health response and interventions. This project would support at a minimum the following department goals:

- Maintain a public health emergency preparedness plan in coordination with other city departments and community partners



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- Prevent the spread of communicable disease and reduce the risk of health complications due to disease and unhealthy behavior and
- Minimize the public's exposure to health and environmental hazards.

Performance Measures

Grant Goals

- Identify, review and prepare report that describes current health care information exchange processes and practices by health providers, including public and private health entities, in Austin and other major Texas cities, and review existing best practices and models for health information exchange networks.
- Complete strategic planning sessions.

Outcomes/Outputs

- Define possible technical solutions to optimize current systems, implement new systems, or integrate existing systems with new systems in general and specifically for immunization system improvements.
- Submit immunization stakeholder conference report to state and stakeholders/participants.
- Determine feasibility of a pilot project to improve data reporting among health providers.

Requested Council Action

Council is requested to approve an ordinance authorizing the acceptance of \$75,000 in grant funds from the ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON FOUNDATION, Princeton, NJ, and amending the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Health and Human Services Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 20050912-001, to appropriate \$75,000 for the Health Promotion/Disease Prevention Unit to create an infrastructure and long-term strategic plan to explore opportunities for improving patient care and public health through the interactive exchange of health information between the local health department and community stakeholders.

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS AND AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2005-2006 HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES OPERATING BUDGET OF ORDINANCE NO. 20050912-001 TO APPROPRIATE GRANT FUNDS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

PART 1. The Council authorizes the acceptance of \$75,000 in grant funds from the ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON FOUNDATION.

PART 2. The Council amends the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Health and Human Services Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 20050912-001 to appropriate \$75, 000 for the Health Promotion/Disease Prevention Unit to create an infrastructure and long-term strategic plan to explore opportunities for improving patient care and public health through the interactive exchange of health information between the local health department and community stakeholders.

PART 3. This ordinance takes effect on _____.

PART 4. PASSED AND APPROVED

_____, 2005

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Will Wynn
Mayor

APPROVED: _____
David Allan Smith
City Attorney

ATTEST: _____
Shirley A. Brown
City Clerk

**OPERATING BUDGET
Fiscal Note**

DATE OF COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:
WHERE ON AGENDA:
DEPARTMENT:

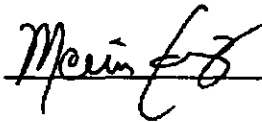
12/15/2005
Ordinance
Health and Human Services

SUBJECT: Approved an ordinance authorizing the acceptance of \$75,000 in grant funds from the ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON FOUNDATION, Princeton, New Jersey; and amend the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Health and Human Services Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 20050912-001 to appropriate \$75,000 for the Health Promotion/Disease Prevention Unit to create an infrastructure and long-term strategic plan to explore opportunities for improving patient care and public health through the interactive exchange of health information between the local health department and community stakeholders.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

	<u>Approved Budget 2005-2006</u>	<u>Impact of this Action</u>	<u>Amended Budget 2005-2006</u>
Special Revenue Fund			
Connecting the Local Health Department with Health Information Exchanges 12/01/2005-11/30/2006	\$0	\$75,000	\$75,000
TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$75,000</u>	<u>\$75,000</u>
FTEs	-	-	-

Budget Office:



Date:

11-23-05