



# City of Austin

## Recommendation for Action

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### **Posting Language**

Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Austin Public Health Department Operating Budget (Ordinance No. 20250813-005) to accept and appropriate \$50,000 in grant funds from the Alzheimer's Association for the Healthy Brain Initiative grant. Funding: \$50,000 is available from the Alzheimer's Association. A City funding match is not required.

### **Lead Department**

Austin Public Health.

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$50,000 is available from the Alzheimer's Association. The Healthy Brain Initiative grant period is from January 1, 2026, through September 29, 2026. A City funding match is not required. A fiscal note is attached.

### **For More Information:**

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### **Additional Backup Information:**

This grant project will support dementia-related services in the Austin area, which has a growing population of older adults. Alzheimer's and dementia are a growing public health crisis in Texas, and the impact of these diseases is projected to rise.

The primary focus of the grant is workforce development, including creating educational trainings and resource toolkits for city employees who engage with older adults. These trainings aim to improve communication and care for individuals with dementia, including early detection and risk reduction. Additional potential areas include caregiver health support and community education events. The goal is to build sustainable, practical tools and programs that can be maintained beyond the grant period, enhancing the city's capacity to support those with dementia and their caregivers effectively.

The project staff will create educational trainings and resource toolkits for city employees who engage with older adults to improve communication and care for individuals with dementia. Not only will this help frontline staff recognize early onset signs of dementia, but also engage in more productive, supportive engagement with community members.

Expected outcomes are to build sustainable, practical tools and programs that can be maintained beyond the grant period with minimal additional funding to update materials in approximately five years.

The project will focus on curriculum and education materials that will not require updating for an estimated five years. Any necessary updates and required additional funding will be reassessed at that time.

The General Fund will not be required to contribute additional funds beyond those currently budgeted to this

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grant. When the grant funds expire, the Austin Public Health Department's need for continuing funding will be evaluated.