



City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 24-4567, Agenda Item #: 57.

5/2/2024

Posting Language

Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Austin Public Health Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20230816-008) to accept and appropriate \$604,316 in grant funds from the Texas Department of State Health Services and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for the Integrated HIV Programs for Health Departments to Support Ending the HIV Epidemic in the United States.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$604,316 is available from the Texas Department of Health Services and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. A City funding match is not required. A fiscal note is attached.

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Additional Backup Information:

This grant funding is provided by the Texas Department of State Health Services, who received the award from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, for Fiscal Year 2024 starting August 1, 2024, through May 31, 2025, to support the development and implementation of programs tailored to ending the HIV epidemic in America.

Recent scientific advances in HIV prevention and treatment have made ending the HIV epidemic in America a realistic possibility. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has set an ambitious goal of reducing all new HIV infections by 75 percent in five years and by 90 percent by 2030. Reaching this target requires a coordinated national effort that will focus first on the 50 most affected U.S. jurisdictions, 48 counties, Washington DC, and San Juan Puerto Rico, as well as seven states.

With funding from DHHS, this funding for the "Ending the HIV Epidemic" (or EHE) initiative is intended to build on the on-going activities funded through PS18-1802: Integrated HIV Surveillance and Prevention Programs for Health Departments to strategically advance (e.g., initiate new or expand existing) HIV prevention efforts. This Council item is time sensitive to ensure contracts can be executed for the grant period.

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