

OPERATING BUDGET FISCAL NOTE

DATE OF COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:
CONTACT DEPARTMENT(S):
FUND:

12/12/24
 Austin Public Health
 Special Revenue

SUBJECT: Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Austin Public Health Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20240814-007) to accept and appropriate \$5,000 in additional grant funds from United Way for Greater Austin, Texas Family Connects Program.

	2024-2025 Approved	This Action	2024-2025 Amended
Special Revenue Fund Family Connects grant			
Grant Period: 09/01/2024-08/30/2025	1,600,000	5,000	1,605,000
Total	1,600,000	5,000	1,605,000
FTEs	12.00	0.00	12.00

FIVE-YEAR IMPACT:

	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Total Revenue	1,605,000	0	0	0	0
Total Expenditures	1,605,000	0	0	0	0
Net Impact	0	0	0	0	0

ANALYSIS / ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The United Way for Greater Austin serves as the administrative and fiscal agent for federal Maternal Infant Early Childhood Home Visiting funds allocated to Travis County through the Texas Department of Family Protective Services. The Maternal Infant Early Childhood Home Visiting funds are intended to support coalition building and systems-level change benefiting early childhood development and direct home visiting services of federally approved models in Travis County. The United Way for Greater Austin will be subcontracting with the Austin Public Health Department to implement the Texas Family Connects Program (Family Connects). Family Connects is a voluntary, short-term nurse home visiting program offered to every family with newborn infants to maximize population reach and community acceptance.

The program goals are:

1. To connect with mothers or primary caregivers to support parenting skills and self-efficacy.
2. To assess each family's unique strengths and needs.
3. To connect the family with needed community services, such as health care, childcare, and financial and social support to promote family functioning and child well-being.

There were more than 16,000 babies born in Travis County last year. Research suggests that 95 percent of families have health needs within the first few weeks of being home. For many families, a single visit from a health professional can provide support and access to resources that lead to significant positive outcomes. Families that could benefit from more intensive or long-term support are referred to other appropriate programs.

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