



Recommendation for Action

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8/31/2023

Posting Language

Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Austin Public Health Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20220817-004) to accept and appropriate \$150,000 in grant funds from the National Association of County and City Health Officials and add 1.0 full-time equivalent grant funded position for the Partnering for Vaccine Equity project.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$150,000 is available from the National Association of County and City Health Officials for the grant period of August 1, 2023 to July 31, 2024. A City funding match is not required. A fiscal note is attached.

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Additional Backup Information:

The Austin Public Health Department received notice of a grant award of \$150,000 awarded by the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) for the Partnering for Vaccine Equity project. This grant is a technical assistance and capacity-building opportunity that will provide the project resources to identify and address inequities in adult influenza and COVID-19 vaccination coverage among racial and ethnic populations. The project is proposing to onboard 1.0 full-time equivalent (or FTE) staff member to coordinate and conduct Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Rapid Community Assessment to coordinate a conversation with our local community regarding their vaccine needs and decisions, identify areas of intervention, and prioritize potential intervention strategies. The grant period is from August 1, 2023, through July 31, 2024.

This will supplement current work funded by the Texas Department of State Health Services COVID-19 Vaccination Capacity Grant, which includes the administration of vaccines, education of community about COVID-19 and its vaccines, providing support to community vaccine providers, and working with community partners to reach various populations with messaging and information. The supplementation comes in the form of an analysis of our community's needs and incentives for our community partners (trusted messengers) to be trained and share messages of vaccines as disease prevention methods.

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 need for the position will be evaluated and the position may be denied.