

Legislation Text

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Item Description:

Agmt A2412166 with DHS for Ryan White Program Part B HIV/AIDS services, 04/01/24-03/31/25, \$4,020,614 (recv), supp appr \$907,169

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Agreement A2412166 with the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) for the purchase of services for persons living with HIV/AIDS during the period of April 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025, in the amount of \$4,020,614 be approved; that the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the Agreement on behalf of Hennepin County; and that the Controller be authorized to accept and disburse funds as directed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a supplemental appropriation be made to increase the Public Health 2024 adopted budget by \$907,169; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the sponsorship and acceptance of grant funding for the program by the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners does not imply a continued commitment by Hennepin County for this program when grant funds are no longer available.

Background:

The Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) is designated as Minnesota's grant recipient for federal Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act Part B funds to support health and social services for persons living with HIV/AIDS throughout Minnesota. The primary goal of the federal Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program is to provide equitable access to HIV medical care and antiretroviral treatment for low-income people living with HIV. Through agreement A2412166, Hennepin County Public Health (HCPH) will receive \$4,020,614.00 in Federal Ryan White Part B and AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) 340B rebate funds from DHS for the purchase of health and human services on behalf of persons living with HIV/AIDS in the state. These funds will provide core medical and support services for low-income Minnesotans living with HIV including early intervention, outpatient ambulatory healthcare, case management and medical transportation services, food bank/home delivered meals, medical nutrition therapy, outpatient substance abuse treatment, and housing coordination and rental assistance.

The partnership with DHS was created to ensure coordinated delivery, planning, and evaluation of Part B funded HIV health care and social services statewide. Hennepin County has received these funds from the state since 2000. As part of this contractual arrangement, Hennepin County will subcontract with 13 clinic and community-based organizations for HIV/AIDS related services in accordance with the service priorities and allocations determined by the Minnesota Council for HIV/AIDS Care and Prevention, a community planning body jointly appointed by the county board and the Minnesota Department of Human Services and the Minnesota Department of Health. Many of these services prioritize communities disproportionately impacted by HIV including African Americans, Black African born immigrants, Latinx, Indigenous People, and young gay and bisexual men to reduce disparities in HIV related health outcomes.

The agreement also covers administrative costs incurred by county HHS to manage the Part B and rebate funded contracts, support the Minnesota Council for HIV/AIDS Care and Prevention, and implement the actions and tactics of Positively Hennepin, Hennepin County's strategy to end the HIV epidemic.

This request reduces disparities in the health domain by providing core medical and support services, for persons living with HIV/AIDS in the state.

APEX Coding:

Fund: 20

Dept ID: 536099

Project ID: 1008675

Revenue Account: 42360

Amount: \$907,169

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval