



Legislation Text

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Department: Public Health Services

Department Head/Elected Official: Barbie L. Robinson, MPP, JD, CHC – Executive Director

Regular or Supplemental RCA: Regular RCA

Type of Request: Grant

Project ID (if applicable): FY23_REFUGEE

Vendor/Entity Legal Name (if applicable): U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants

MWDBE Contracted Goal (if applicable): N/A

MWDBE Current Achievement (if applicable): N/A

Justification for 0% MWDBE Participation Goal: N/A - Goal not applicable to request

Request Summary (Agenda Caption):

Request by Public Health Services for approval to temporarily transfer general funds in the amount of \$196,000 to fund the cost of 27 positions and approval of 23 positions effective September 24, 2022 pending receipt of the award for the Refugee Medical Screening Grant from the U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants (USCRI), and extend associated positions to September 30, 2023.

Background and Discussion:

This grant is funded through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Service (HHS). The Refugee Cash and Medical Assistance program reimburses States for the cost of medical assistance provided to the refugee populations. The U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants (USCRI) administers the program for HHS. USCRI is an international advocacy and domestic refugee resettlement organization, headquartered in Washington, DC.

Expected Impact:

USCRI was established “to address the needs and rights of persons in forced or voluntary migration worldwide by advancing fair and humane public policy, facilitating and providing direct professional services, and promoting the full participation of migrants in community life.” The Refugee Health Screening Program (RHSP) of Harris County Public Health (HCPH) provides medical screening and medical referrals for the refugee population arriving in Harris County and its surrounding counties. Preventative services are provided to protect every incoming refugee and all Harris County residents. HCPH RHSP provides services in a manner that is sensitive to the ethnic and cultural origins of incoming refugees in Harris County and surrounding areas. The HCPH RHSP is the only refugee program in the Houston area providing such services to incoming refugees.

Alternative Options:

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Alignment with Goal(s):

- Justice and Safety
- Economic Opportunity
- Housing
- Public Health
- Transportation
- Flooding
- Environment
- Governance and Customer Service

Prior Court Action (if any):

Date	Agenda Item #	Action Taken
09/14/2021	359	Approved

Location:

Address (if applicable): N/A

Precinct(s): Countywide

Fiscal and Personnel Summary			
Service Name	Refugee Health Screening Program		
	SFY 22	FY 23	Next 3 FYs
Incremental Expenditures (do NOT write values in thousands or millions)			
Labor Expenditures	\$	\$196,000	\$
Non-Labor Expenditures	\$	\$	\$
Total Incremental Expenditures	\$	\$196,000	\$
Funding Sources (do NOT write values in thousands or millions)			
Existing Budget			
1000 - General Fund	\$	\$196,000	\$
	\$	\$	\$
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Total Current Budget	\$	\$196,000	\$
Additional Budget Requested			
Grant	\$	\$	\$
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Total Funding Sources		\$196,000	\$
Personnel (Fill out section only if requesting new PCNs)			
Current Position Count for Service	-	27	-
Additional Positions Requested	-	23	-
Total Personnel	-	50	-

Anticipated Implementation Date: September 13, 2022

Emergency/Disaster Recovery Note: Not an emergency, disaster, or COVID-19 related item

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Attachments (if applicable): 3441s, PCN Report

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