

GENERAL

Ordinance Fact Sheet

Ordinance Number

Brief Title	Approval Deadline	Reason
Syphilis Outbreak and Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs)		

Details

Reason for Legislation

This ordinance is to accept proposed fund balance monies to better respond to public health outbreaks and events such as the current Syphilis outbreak as well as the significant increase in other Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) rates within Kansas City, MO. The Communicable Disease Prevention Division's current scope of service is not changing, however, in order to be more proactive with STIs, positions and funding need to be restored to at least previous levels to be able to identify, treat and prevent these infections among our residents. This request focuses on supplemental health levy funding to 1) restore investigative and clinical positions in communicable disease prevention, 2) expand targeted outreach, 3) provide additional staff development/ training and 4) secure additional testing capabilities and/or supplies for STIs.

Discussion

A 1997 Institute of Medicine (IOM) report described STIs as "hidden epidemics of tremendous health and economic consequence in the United States," and that the "scope, impact and consequences of STIs are under recognized by public and healthcare professionals." (Eng TR, 1997) This foresight over twenty years ago is showing the true impact today, and it is imperative that federal, state and local programs are properly funded to deliver effective public health strategies to reduce STI incidence, reverse health inequities, and improve sexual, reproductive, maternal and infant health. Increasing rates of STIs are now being recognized as a serious cause for public health concern. Without reducing the number of STIs such as gonorrhea, chlamydia and syphilis, new HIV cases will certainly increase as well adding to the overall complexity of this issue. Additionally, with the increased number in syphilis cases among women of child-bearing age, it is imperative to focus on appropriate prenatal care and treatment of pregnant women with syphilis to prevent congenital cases (mother's transmission to baby) and potential fetal/infant deaths or major sequelae.

Is it good for the children?

Many of the Health Departments programs are specifically designed for the betterment of health in all citizens. This Program specifically targets the health in both adults and children.

How will this contribute to a sustainable Kansas City?

Many public health programs are funded based on the need of the community and the impact upon individual citizens and high risk groups. Promoting economic vitality, social equity and environmental quality in addressing public health initiatives is oftentimes dependent upon federal, state and local funding; however, the goal of these programs is to promote and protect all citizens of Kansas City on a continuing, ongoing and sustainable basis.

Positions/Recommendations

Sponsor	Health Department
Programs, Departments, or Groups Affected	Health Department
Applicants / Proponents	Applicant Health Department City Department Health Department Other
Opponents	Groups or Individuals None Known Basis of opposition
Staff Recommendation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> For <input type="checkbox"/> Against Reason Against
Board or Commission Recommendation	By <input type="checkbox"/> For <input type="checkbox"/> Against <input type="checkbox"/> No action taken <input type="checkbox"/> For, with revisions or conditions (see details column for conditions)
Council Committee Actions	<input type="checkbox"/> Do pass <input type="checkbox"/> Do pass (as amended) <input type="checkbox"/> Committee Sub. <input type="checkbox"/> Without Recommendation <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Do not pass

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Policy/Program Impact

Policy or Program Change	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
Operational Impact Assessment	

Finances

Cost & Revenue Projections -- Including Indirect Costs	
Financial Impact	
Fund Source (s) and Appropriation Account Codes	20-2330-502410

(Use this space for further discussion, if necessary)

Applicable Dates:

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Reference Numbers

