Dallas City Council Rejects HIV/AIDS Funding Proposal

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A bill to restore $250,000 in cuts from Dallas's HIV/AIDS services budget was voted down 9–6 by the Dallas City Council, the *Dallas Voice* reports.

According to the article, the proposal was shot down because of concerns that the funding source—a collection of delinquent multi-tenant inspections fees—does not really exist.

Since City Manager Mary Suhm was elected by council members to find a more secure funding source, the city has also applied for two grants, totaling $500,000, to support HIV/AIDS education and prevention. "We'll find something out next week," said District 1 Councilwoman Delia Jasso. "But it is an ongoing thing in terms of how [Suhm] can reprogram some money."

The council is scheduled to agree on the 2009–10 budget by September 23.

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