

AGENDA



Thursday, September 25, 2008

**Office of Emergency Management
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 40**

Subject: Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$8,350 in grant funds from the State of Texas, Governor's Division of Emergency Management, Fiscal Year 2008 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Program; and amending the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Public Safety and Emergency Management Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 20070910-003 to appropriate \$8,350 in funding for a total grant amount of \$133,350 to improve mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery capabilities for the City of Austin.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$133,350 is available from the State of Texas, Governor's Division of Emergency Management. A match of \$133,350 is included in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Public Safety and Emergency Management Department Operating Budget.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

For More Information: Otis Latin, Director, Office of Emergency Management, 974-0461; Lindy McGinnis, Sr. Emergency Plans Officer, Office of Emergency Management, 974-0465.

Prior Council Action: Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Budget Adoption on September 10, 2007.

This request is to accept \$8,350 in additional grant funds from the State Governor's Division of Emergency Management to be used to support the City of Austin Office of Emergency Management's efforts to improve mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery capabilities for all hazards. These funds are in addition to \$125,000 that was approved as part of the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Operating Budget, bring the total grant award to \$133,350.

The funding may be used to support activities that contribute to the capability to manage consequences of acts of terrorism or to accomplish initiatives described in the Federal Program Guidelines, including local implementation of the National Incident Management System (NIMS), homeland security assessment and strategy integration, and assessment of the local emergency management program.

The grant period began on October 1, 2007 and ends on September 30, 2008.

All department grant application requests are reviewed by the Budget office prior to submission to ensure that the grant minimizes the financial impact to the City.