

AGENDA



Thursday, May 13, 2010

**Fire
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 9**

Subject: Approve an ordinance accepting \$117,640 in Fire Prevention and Safety Grant funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA); and amending the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Fire Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 20090914-002 to appropriate \$117,640 for a Mobile Inspection Data-Collection program, a Juvenile Firesetter program, and a Cooking Fire Safety educational program.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available from FEMA Fiscal Year 2009 Assistance to Firefighters Grant program (\$117,640). An in - kind match of \$29,410 is available from the Fire Miscellaneous Donations. The grant period is April 19, 2010 to April 18, 2011.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

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The Austin Fire Department has been awarded a FEMA Fire Prevention and Safety Grant that will fund three projects. The first project will implement a Mobile Inspection Data-Collection program to better equip Fire Inspectors and Fire Engineers for their code enforcement duties. The grant provides funding for 27 tablet PCs, inspection software, 25 mobile printers, license fees, and one time development fee. The second project will support the Juvenile Firesetter program by funding minor renovations to provide office/meeting rooms, furnishing, and audio video equipment for the assessment, counseling and education of juvenile fire setters. The third project will support the public education efforts through the purchase of a cooking fire demonstration trailer and fund three student interns to assist firefighters in a cooking fire safety program.