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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	7964	Agenda Number	12.
Meeting Date:	8/18/2011		Department:	Emergency Medical Services
Subject				
<p>Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$1,000 in grant funds from the Safe Kids USA Never Leave Your Child Alone in a Car Texas Task Force, and amending the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Emergency Medical Services Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20100913-002) to appropriate \$1,000 for supply costs related to the Emergency Medical Service's Hyperthermia Awareness Program.</p>				
Amount and Source of Funding				
<p>Funding in the amount of \$1,000 is available from the Texas Task Force for the grant period of July 1, 2011 to October 1, 2011. No match is required.</p>				
Fiscal Note				
<p>A fiscal note is attached.</p>				
Purchasing Language:				
Prior Council Action:				
For More Information:	Ernesto Rodriguez, Director 972-7148			
Boards and Commission Action:				
MBE / WBE:				
Related Items:				
Additional Backup Information				

One of the most preventable types of childhood deaths is that of small children left in a hot car. According to Safe Kids USA, Texas leads the nation in these deaths and has been identified with other states (California, Florida and Arizona) for state-focused campaigns to prevent hyperthermia deaths.

The Emergency Medical Services Department (EMS) reaches a large number of people in our community as a medical first responder and a health educator. As a medical first responder, we provide standby services at major events such as concerts, athletic events, and festivals. As a health educator, we train citizens on the subjects of CPR, First Aid, child passenger safety, and infant safe sleep practices. Through these public interactions, we will be able to distribute information to parents and caregivers on the dangers associated with leaving a child alone in a car.

The acceptance of these funds will allow EMS to purchase printed hyperthermia prevention materials to be distributed at community events and public education classes.

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. The General Fund will not be required to contribute to this grant.