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## Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	15817	Agenda Number	11.
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Meeting Date:	6/7/2012	Department:	Health and Human Services
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## Subject

Approve an ordinance authorizing the acceptance of \$45,828 in grant funds from the TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES (DSHS), COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS SECTION; and amending the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Health and Human Services Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20110912-005) to appropriate \$45,828 to the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program.

## Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$45,828 is available from the Department of State Health Services. The grant period is from August 1, 2011 to August 31, 2012. A 10% City match was required.

## Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	On September 12, 2011, the Council approved the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Health and Human Services Department Operating Budget (Ordinance No. 20110912-005).
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Boards and Commission Action:	
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Related Items:	

## Additional Backup Information

On April 21, 2012, Austin was informed that it would receive an additional \$45,828 and that the grant period would be extended from July 31, 2012 to August 31, 2012. The additional grant funds bring the total grant amount to \$856,402.

The Texas Department of State Health Services is allocating funds for the continuation of Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) activities defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and categorized to address nine public health preparedness goals with the purpose to:

1. Increase the use and development of interventions known to prevent human illness from chemical, biological, radiological agents, and naturally occurring health threats.
2. Decrease the time needed to classify health events as terrorism or naturally occurring in partnership with other agencies.
3. Decrease the time needed to detect and report chemical, biological, radiological agents in tissue, food, or environmental samples that cause threats to the public's health.

4. Improve the timeliness and accuracy of information regarding threats to the public's health as reported by clinicians and through electronic early event detection in real time to those who need to know.
5. Decrease the time to identify causes, risk factors, and appropriate interventions for those affected by threats to the public's health.
6. Decrease the time needed to provide countermeasures and health guidance to those affected by threats to the public's health.
7. Decrease the time needed to restore health services and environmental safety to pre-event levels.
8. Increase the long-term follow-up provided to those affected by threats to the public's health.
9. Decrease the time needed to implement recommendations from after-action reports following threats to the public's health.

## PERFORMANCE MEASURES

### Related Department Goal

The purpose of the Public Health Emergency Preparedness grant is to provide local and regional public health and medical response capabilities for all emergencies with public health consequences.

Related Performance Measures include:

- Number of cases investigated by the Disease Surveillance
- Percent of all infectious diseases reported that result in intervention strategies implemented
- Number of emergency bioterrorism drills conducted
- Number of emergency preparedness plans reviewed
- Percent of all foodborne illness investigations initiated within 3 hours from notification

### Outputs/Outcomes

Maintain and improve public health emergency preparedness planning and response capability in Austin/Travis County through the funding of 8 FTEs responsible for grants management, preparedness and response planning and training activities.

### Activity

Maintain the public health and emergency preparedness and response capacity that respond in a public health emergency.

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.