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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	26228	Agenda Number	28.
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Meeting Date:	8/29/2013	Department:	Austin Fire Department
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Subject

Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$202,080 in Assistance to Firefighters Grant funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and amending the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Austin Fire Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20120910-001) to appropriate \$202,080 to assist the department with a comprehensive home safety campaign.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available from FEMA Fiscal Year 2012 Assistance to Firefighters Grant program (\$202,080). An in-kind match of (\$50,520) is available from the Fire Department's Community Relations unit Operating Budget. The grant period is June 26, 2013 to June 25, 2014.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	
For More Information:	Matt Orta, Asst. Chief 974-0135; Ronnelle Paulsen, Asst. Director 974-5315
Boards and Commission Action:	
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Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

The Austin Fire Department (AFD) has been awarded a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Assistance to Firefighters Grant to support the fire department's comprehensive home safety campaign. The General Fund will not be required to contribute to this grant. 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.

Grant funding will allow AFD to accomplish the following:

- Purchase a "safety house" trailer and implement prevention demonstrations at community events.
- Coordinate smoke alarm and home safety inspection canvassing activities distributing 1,000 grant-funded smoke alarms.
- Organize fire prevention activities for people with disabilities, senior citizens, and multi-cultural families.
- Create prevention publications for vulnerable populations.