

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	54146	Agenda Number	14.
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Meeting Date:	2/25/2016	Department:	Emergency Medical Services
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Subject

Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Emergency Medical Services Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No 20150908-001) to accept and appropriate \$2,601 in additional grant funds from the CAPITAL AREA TRAUMA REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL for the purchase of supplies and equipment to assist in the delivery of patient care.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available from the Capital Area Trauma Regional Advisory Council (CATRAC), Trauma Care System Grant. The CATRAC grant period for these funds is December 3, 2015 through August 31, 2016.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing Language:	
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Prior Council Action:	Approval of Emergency Medical Services Department Operating Budget on September 15, 2015.
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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:	
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Additional Backup Information

The Trauma Care System Grant funding is received from the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), and is based upon a percentage of the population, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) call volume, and the amount of funding allotted to each region within DSHS. Each County within the region receives an allotment and that in turn is divided by each prehospital provider in the county. It is a variable amount until the funding is received and divided and then disbursed to the agencies. The funding must be used for the purchase of medically related equipment and training, and must be expended within the dates specified.

The contract and grant award is between DSHS and the Capital Area Trauma Regional Advisory Council (CATRAC). CATRAC is the pass-through organization and makes the disbursements to the qualifying agencies. CATRAC is also responsible for ensuring proper administration of the grant.

The mission of CATRAC is to facilitate coordination among trauma and emergency healthcare providers within the Capital Area and surrounding counties to ensure the most efficient, consistent, and expedient care of each patient by developing and maintaining integrated quality processes in patient care, transportation, education, and prevention. Austin-Travis County EMS has been a member of CATRAC since its inception in 1992.

The current approved grant appropriation in the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 budget is \$35,000. The requested increase of \$2,601 represents the difference between the approved grant appropriation of \$35,000 and the total grant amount awarded in Fiscal Year 2015-2016, which totals \$37,600 (\$35,000 + \$2,601).

The General Fund will not be required to contribute additional funds beyond those currently budgeted to this grant. When the grant funds expire, the EMS Department's need for continuing funding will be evaluated and may be denied.

