

Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council Item ID 68247 Agenda Number 18.

Meeting Date: 3/2/2017 Department: Public Health

Subject

Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$231,409 in grant funds from the DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES and amending the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Health and Human Services Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20160914-001) to appropriate \$231,409 for Zikarelated public health emergency response programs.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$231,409 is available from the Department of State Health Services. The grant period is March 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

| Fiscal Note | |
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| A fiscal note is attached. | |
| Purchasing Language: | |
| Prior Council Action: | |
| For More Information: | Shannon Jones, Director, Austin Public Health, 972-5010; Janet Pichette, Chief Epidemiologist, Epidemiology and Public Health Preparedness Division, 972-5486; Elena Lloyd, Agenda Coordinator, 972-5033. |
| Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action: | |
| MBE / WBE: | |
| Related Items: | |

Additional Backup Information

The Department of State Health Services is awarding funding to assist with preparation and response efforts related to the emerging Zika virus threat. The funding will enhance capabilities related to rapidly identifying and investigating possible outbreaks of the Zika virus in various communities; coordinate a comprehensive response across all levels of government and non-governmental partners, including the health care sector; identify and connect families affected by Zika to community services; and purchase preparedness resources and supplies for Zika prevention kits and educational outreach. This funding will support temporary personnel, fringe benefits, supplies, training, travel and indirect costs associated with Zika preparedness and response efforts.

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