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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	68248	Agenda Number	19.
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Meeting Date:	3/2/2017	Department:	Public Health
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Subject

Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$246,180 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 \$246,180 for Zika epidemiology and lab capacity enhancement programs.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$246,180 is available from the Department of State Health Services. The grant period is March 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	
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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:	
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

The Department of State Health Services is awarding funding to enhance epidemiology and laboratory capacity to rapidly identify and investigate possible outbreaks of the Zika virus. The funding will enhance epidemiological surveillance and investigation, improve mosquito control and monitoring, coordinate a comprehensive response across all levels of government and non-governmental partners, including the healthcare sector, and identify and connect community services to families affected by the Zika virus disease. The funding is to 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.