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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	69129	Agenda Number	28.
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Meeting Date:	3/23/2017	Department:	Public Health
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Subject

Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$10,000 in grant funds from the DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES, AUSTIN, TEXAS, and amending the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Austin Public Health Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20160914-001) to appropriate \$10,000 for Zika Epidemiology and Lab Capacity, and Public Health Emergency Response programs.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$10,000 is available from the Department of State Health Services (DSHS). The grant period is March 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing Language:	
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Prior Council Action:	On March, 2, 2017 Council approved Ordinance No. 20170302-018, and 20170302-019 accepting \$477,589 in combined Zika grant funding from the Texas Department of State Health Services.
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Additional Backup Information

The Department of State Health Services (DSHS) is awarding funding to enhance epidemiology and laboratory capacity to rapidly identify and investigate possible outbreaks of the Zika virus disease, and to prepare for and respond to the emerging Zika virus threat. The funding will support temporary personnel, fringe benefits, supplies, training, travel, and indirect costs associated with Zika preparedness and response efforts.

On March 2, 2017, Council approved two Zika grants totaling \$477,589. Austin Public Health recently received notification of an additional \$10,000 of funding and that the two grants should be one. Approval of this item will merge the two previously authorized grants and authorize acceptance of the additional funds for an amended total of \$487,589 for the combined grant programs.

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.