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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	70262	Agenda Number	14.
Meeting Date:	5/4/2017		Department:	Public Health
Subject				
<p>Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$118,591 in grant funds from the TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES, and amending the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Austin Public Health Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20160914-001) to appropriate \$118,591 for the Infectious Disease Surveillance and Epidemiology Activities grant.</p>				
Amount and Source of Funding				
<p>Funding in the amount of \$118,591 is available from the Texas Department of State Health Services. The grant period is September 1, 2017 through August 31, 2019.</p>				
Fiscal Note				
<p>A fiscal note is attached.</p>				
Purchasing Language:				
Prior Council Action:	<p>On September 10, 2015, Council approved Ordinance No. 20150910-001 adopting the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Operating Budget which included \$200,000 in grant funding for the two-year Emerging and Acute Infectious Disease grant. On September 14, 2016 Council approved Ordinance No. 20160914-001 adopting the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Operating Budget including \$97,000 in grant funding for the one-year Foodborne Outbreak Investigation Epidemiology Project.</p>			
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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:				
MBE / WBE:				
Related Items:				
Additional Backup Information				

The Department of State Health Services has provided funding for the purpose of augmenting local health department epidemiological capacity for outbreak and disaster response with special emphasis on foodborne illness investigations and emerging infectious diseases.

This request combines the two previously authorized awards and seeks the acceptance of additional funds in the amount of \$118,591 for a total of \$415,591 for the combined grant programs. The new grant will cover a two year period from September 1, 2017 to August 31, 2019.

The continuation of this funding affects the following performance measures:

- Percent of Foodborne Outbreak Investigation initiated within three hours.
- The number of cases investigated that result in an intervention strategy.
- Number of Emergency Response Plans reviewed annually.
- Ensure 1 epidemiologist per 100,000 population.

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.