

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	73291	Agenda Number	22.
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Meeting Date:	8/17/2017	Department:	Public Health
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Subject

Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$8,177 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 \$8,177 for public health emergency preparedness activities; and authorizing negotiation and execution of an amendment to a public health emergency preparedness activities contract extending the term through June 30, 2018.

Amount and Source of Funding

Total funding in the amount of \$682,177 is available from the Department of State Health Services. The grant period is July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	On September 14, 2016, Council approved Ordinance No. 20160914-001 adopting the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Operating Budget, which authorized \$674,000 in grant appropriation for Public Health Emergency Preparedness.
For More Information:	Stephanie Hayden, Interim Director, Austin Public Health, 972-5010; Janet Pichette, Chief Epidemiologist, Epidemiology and Public Health Preparedness Division, 972-5486; Estella Kirscht, Agenda Coordinator, 972-5039.
Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:	
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

The Texas Department of State Health Services, Community Preparedness Section, allocated an additional \$8,177 in funding to bring the total appropriated amount to \$682,177 for the continuation of Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) activities. This Council action will amend the current Fiscal Year 2016-2017 budget period for the grant period of July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 to reflect the increase of \$8,177 in grant funds. PHEP activities are defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and categorized to address nine public health preparedness goals with the purpose of:

1. Increasing the use and development of interventions known to prevent human illness from chemical, biological, and radiological agents, and naturally occurring health threats.
2. Decreasing the time needed to classify health events as terrorism or naturally occurring in partnership with other agencies.
3. Decreasing the time needed to detect and report chemical, biological, and radiological agents in tissue, food, or environmental samples that cause threats to the public's health.
4. Improving the timeliness and accuracy of information regarding threats to the public's health as reported by clinicians and through electronic early-event detection in real time to those who need to know.
5. Decreasing the time to identify causes, risk factors, and appropriate interventions for those affected by threats to the public's health.
6. Decreasing the time needed to provide countermeasures and health guidance to those affected by threats to the public's health.
7. Decreasing the time needed to restore health services and environmental safety to pre-event levels.
8. Increasing the long-term follow-up provided to those affected by threats to the public's health.
9. Decreasing the time needed to implement recommendations from after-action reports following threats to the public's health.

The funding will be used for a new amended contract term of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

Performance Measures:

- Number of cases investigated by Epidemiology and Disease Surveillance team
- Percent of all infectious diseases reported that result in the implementation of intervention strategies
- Number of emergency bioterrorism drills conducted
- Number of emergency preparedness plans reviewed
- Percent of all foodborne illness investigations initiated within three hours from notification

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.