



Grant
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

AGENDA ITEM NO.: 11
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SUBJECT: Authorize acceptance of grant funds from the Texas Association of Regional Councils in the amount of \$44,491, and approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2003-2004 Office of Emergency Management Operating Budget of Ordinance No. 030909-01, to appropriate grant funds to the Office of Emergency Management Special Revenue Fund for support of the continuance of a Citizen Corps Council and Community Emergency Response Team program.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding in the amount of \$44,491 is available in from the Texas Association of Regional Councils for the grant period September 1, 2004 - August 31, 2005. No City match is required.

FISCAL NOTE: A fiscal note is attached.

REQUESTING Management Services - Office of **DIRECTOR'S**
DEPARTMENT:Emergency Management **AUTHORIZATION:** Steve Collier

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Lindy McGinnis, Emergency Plans Officer/974-0465;
Steve Collier, Director, 974-0450

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: Grants to support the Citizen Corps Council and CERT Programs have been previously approved by the City Council on July 17, 2003 and February 5, 2004.

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

PURCHASING: N/A

MBE / WBE: N/A

The Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) Program through the Central Texas Citizen Corps Council, trains volunteers to be better prepared to respond to emergency situations in their neighborhoods. CERT is a realistic approach to emergency and disaster situations where citizens will initially be on their own after a disaster, and their early reactions in their neighborhoods, can make a difference. Through training, citizens can manage utilities, put out small fires, provide basic medical first aid, search for and rescue victims safely, and organize themselves and spontaneous volunteers to be effective. When emergencies occur, CERT members give critical support to first responders and provide immediate assistance to victims.

This program was initiated by the City of Austin in July, 2003. This grant request will continue the program with funding for training and equipment for an additional 120 team members bringing the total number of CERT team members to approximately 250.

CERT members will be recruited from neighborhood associations, participants in the downtown Building Owners and Managers Association, through the Red Cross Club at the University of Texas, Austin area disaster relief organizations, Travis County, and the Austin Independent School District. All team members will be trained in the basic CERT curriculum developed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), in addition to a local module designed for hazards specific to Austin. The CERT program will have a representative at the Austin/Travis County Emergency Operations Center.



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This grant will fund one temporary, part-time CERT Coordinator (29 hours per week) as well as provide for basic response equipment for the CERT volunteers including radios, rain gear, helmets, flashlights, first aid equipment, and miscellaneous other rescue equipment. It will also fund printing for instructional materials.

This grant addresses the departmental goal of preventing or lessening the loss of life and property from the effects of major emergencies and to help return the community to normal following a major emergency or disaster. It also addresses the OEM program objective to provide coordination, emergency information, and warning to the public, City departments, and other public safety agencies so they can effectively react to emergencies and disasters.

Program effectiveness of this grant will be measured as follows:

1. Integrate training and CERT volunteer opportunities with the City of Austin Disaster Ready Austin Volunteer Program.
2. Recruit and train approximately 120 CERT team members, to FEMA curricula with the addition of a local needs module.
3. Percentage of CERT team members that rate the CERT training as good or excellent.

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS AND AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2003-2004 OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OPERATING BUDGET OF ORDINANCE NO. 030909-01 TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

PART 1. The Council authorizes the acceptance of \$44,491 in grant funds from the *Texas Association of Regional Councils*.

PART 2. The Council amends the Fiscal Year 2003-2004 Office of Emergency Management Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 030909-01 to appropriate \$44,491 for support of the continuance of a Citizen Corps Councils and Citizen Emergency Response Team program.

PART 3. The Council finds that the need to amend the budget constitutes an emergency, a grave public necessity, and an unusual and unforeseen condition that could not, by reasonable diligence, have been included in the original budget for the current fiscal year. Because of this emergency, this ordinance takes effect immediately on its passage for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

PASSED AND APPROVED

_____, 2004

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Will Wynn
Mayor

APPROVED: _____
David Allan Smith
City Attorney

ATTEST: _____
Shirley A. Brown
City Clerk

OPERATING BUDGET Fiscal Note

DATE OF COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

9/2/2004

WHERE ON AGENDA:

Ordinance

DEPARTMENT:

Management Services - Office of Emergency Management

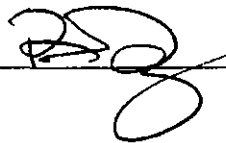
Authorize acceptance of grant funds from the Texas Association of Regional Councils (TARC), in the amount of \$44,491, and approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2003-2004 Office of Emergency Management Operating Budget of Ordinance No. 030909-01, to appropriate grant funds to the Office of Emergency Management Special Revenue Fund for support of the continuance of a Citizen Corps Council and Citizen Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

	<u>Approved Budget 2003-2004</u>	<u>Impact of this Action</u>	<u>Amended Budget 2003-2004</u>
OEM Special Revenue Fund Citizen Corps Council Grant 9/1/2004 - 8/31/2005	\$0	\$44,491	\$44,491
TOTAL	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$44,491</u></u>	<u><u>\$44,491</u></u>
FTES	-	0.00	-

Source: Funding in the amount of \$44,491 is available in Fiscal Year 2004 from the Texas Association of Regional Councils for the grant period September 1, 2004 - August 31, 2005. No City match is required.

Budget Office: _____



Date: _____

8/2/04