

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting: May 24, 2018

Item Number: 007

Budget

Approve an ordinance accepting and appropriating grant funds from the Texas Department of Public Safety, and amending the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20170913-001) in the amount of \$9,980,495 for the following departments: Austin Code Department, Austin Energy, Austin Fire Department, Austin Police Department, Austin Resource Recovery, Austin Water, Emergency Medical Services, Fleet, Homeland Security and Emergency Management, Parks and Recreation Department, Public Works, and Watershed Protection Department and amending the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Capital Budget to transfer in and appropriate \$8,644,901 for Austin Water's Walnut Creek Bank Erosion project and the Watershed Protection Department's Lakeside Drive and Colorado River Park Drain Channel Repair projects.

Lead Department	Budget Office.
Fiscal Note	Funding in the amount of \$9,980,495 is available from the Federal Emergency Management Agency via the Texas Department of Public Safety. A City match of 15% for the Debris Removal Phase 1 and Homeland Security and Emergency Management DAC projects and 25% for all other projects is required and available in various department Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Operating and Capital Budgets. A fiscal note is attached.
Prior Council Action	June 26, 2014 Item # 21 - Council approved bundles 1, 4, 5, and 6 of grant funding. August 28, 2014 Item # 27 - Council approved bundles 7 and 8 of grant funding. March 12, 2015 Item # 5 - Council approved bundles 9, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, and 20 of grant funding. October 6, 2016 Item # 16 - Council approved individual grant awards. June 22, 2017 Item #17 - Council approved individual grant awards.

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Additional Backup Information:

May 2015 was the third wettest month ever recorded for Austin, culminating in several creeks rising over their banks on Memorial Day weekend. On May 29, 2015, the President of the United States issued a declaration of a major disaster for the State of Texas (FEMA-4223-DR) for severe storms, tornadoes, straight-line winds, and flooding which began on May 4, 2015. On June 5, 2015, this declaration was amended to include Travis County for Individual Assistance. Public Assistance was added June 9. The City of Austin was included in the Travis County amendment.

The 2015 Halloween Flood that began on October 30, 2015, resulted from rainfall that fell directly on Austin, creating spontaneous and unpredictably hazardous conditions. Travis County Judge Sarah Eckhardt signed a Disaster Declaration October 30, 2015. The President approved Public and Individual Assistance on November 25, 2015.

Public Assistance enabled the City of Austin to work with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to obtain funding to bring City owned and maintained facilities and infrastructure back to pre-disaster condition. The funds flow to the City through the Texas Department of Public Safety. The Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM) has coordinated the gathering and submittal of debris removal, emergency protective measures, and infrastructure projects.

Of the Public Assistance project awards coming before Council today, the Roy G. Guerrero Colorado River Metropolitan Park in East Austin is the largest. The park was impacted in both of the 2015 floods. The drainage channel of Country Club Creek West suffered severe erosion resulting in failure of a pedestrian bridge, loss of a reclaimed water line, and destabilization of more than one thousand feet of drainage channel. Threats to parkland, private property, and public infrastructure were imminent had the erosion continued unabated.

The City of Austin applied for Public Assistance and a Hazard Mitigation Grant to repair the failed channel, pedestrian bridge and reclaimed water line. The application process began in the Fall of 2016 and continued through final submittal of the grant proposal in May 2017. On February 20, 2018, FEMA sent an award letter to the State of Texas for \$8,455,698 in matching funds to repair damage to Roy G. Guerrero Park.

Watershed Protection Department (WPD) will lead the channel reconstruction. Parks and Recreation Department (PARD) is the project co-sponsor and will partner with WPD throughout the process. The preliminary cost estimate for design and construction of this project is \$13,150,000. With FEMA grant funds, the remaining City responsibility is approximately \$4,700,000, leaving approximately \$2,350,000 to be funded by both WPD and PARD. Each department has appropriated sufficient funds to cover the City's funding responsibility. Engineering design for the channel repairs and bridge replacement is currently in progress and will be completed by the end of 2018. Construction is anticipated to begin in

2020. The bridge will be rebuilt in roughly the same location as the one that washed out.

This budget amendment is the sixth to appropriate grant funds from FEMA. Council will be presented with additional appropriation requests in the future once FEMA has approved the projects and determined funding estimates accordingly:

Department	Project	FEMA Reimbursement	City Match	Total Project Value
Austin Code	Emergency Protective Measures	\$7,547	\$2,515	\$10,062
Austin Energy	Cool Water Intake Embankment Loss	\$180,633	\$60,211	\$240,844
Austin Fire Department	Emergency Protective Measures	\$51,769	\$17,256	\$69,025
Austin Police Department	Emergency Protective Measures	\$371,569	\$123,856	\$495,425
Austin Resource Recovery	Debris Removal Phase 1	\$388,624	\$68,581	\$457,205
Emergency Medical Services	Emergency Protective Measures	\$14,895	\$4,965	\$19,860
Department	Project	FEMA Reimbursement	City Match	Total Project Value
Fleet	Emergency Protective Measures	\$1,848	\$616	\$2,464
Homeland Security and Emergency Management	HSEM DAC	\$2,102	\$371	\$2,473
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Parks and Recreation	Emergency Protective Measures	\$14,591	\$4,864	\$19,455
Public Works	Delwau Lane Bridge	\$22,120	\$7,373	\$29,493
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Public Works	Johnson Creek Trail Embankment	\$126,189	\$42,063	\$168,252
Public Works	Cameron Road and Bloor Road Repair	\$96,869	\$32,289	\$129,158
Austin Water Utility	Walnut Creek WWTP Bank Erosion	\$129,216	\$43,072	\$172,288
Watershed Protection	Lakeside Drive (Little Walnut Creek Embankment	\$59,987	\$19,995	\$79,982
Watershed Protection	Colorado River Park Drain Channel Repair	\$8,455,698	\$2,818,566	\$11,274,264
Total		\$9,980,495	\$3,265,539	\$13,246,034