

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting: June 14, 2018

Item Number: **034**

Public Health

Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$47,716 in grant funds from the Texas Department of State Health Services, and amending the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Austin Public Health Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20170913-001) to appropriate \$47,716 for Zika Epidemiology and Lab Capacity programs.

Lead Department	Austin Public Health.
Fiscal Note	Funding in the amount of \$47,716 is available from the Texas Department of State Health Services. The grant period is August 1, 2018 through July 31, 2019. A fiscal note is attached.
Prior Council Action	March, 2, 2017 - Council approved Ordinance No. 20170302-019 (on an 11-0 vote), accepting grant funds for this project.
For More Information	Stephanie Hayden, Director, Austin Public Health, 972-5017; Janet Pichette, Chief Epidemiologist, Epidemiology and Public Health Preparedness Division, 972-5486; Estella Kirscht, Agenda Coordinator, 972-5039.

Additional Backup Information:

The Texas Department of State Health Services is awarding funding to enhance epidemiology and laboratory capacity to rapidly identify and investigate possible outbreaks of the Zika virus, and to

prepare for and respond to the emerging Zika virus threat. The funding will support temporary personnel, fringe, supplies, training, travel and indirect costs associated with Zika preparedness and response efforts. The Austin Public Health Department was recently notified of an additional \$47,716 of funding and an extension of the current contract award term to July 31, 2019.

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.