



Grant
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

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SUBJECT: Authorize acceptance of grant funds in the amount of \$50,000 from the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service, Demonstration Project for the Medical Reserve Corps grant program; and amend the Fiscal Year 2003-2004 Health and Human Services Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 030909-01, to appropriate \$50,000 to continue funding a full-time equivalent for the purpose of continuing and enhancing the current Medical Reserve Corps plan, bringing the grant total amount to \$100,000.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding in the amount of \$50,000 is available from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Public Health Service, Demonstration Project for Medical Reserve Corps grant program. The grant period is September 30, 2004 through September 29, 2005. No city match is required.

FISCAL NOTE: A fiscal note is attached.

REQUESTING Health and Human
DEPARTMENT: Services

DIRECTOR'S
AUTHORIZATION: David Lurie

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Shannon Jones, Asst. Director for Public and Consumer Health, 972-5416; Marti Cascio, Program Coordinator, 972-6141; Linda Terry, Agenda Coordinator, 972-5023

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: On December 4, 2003 the City Council approved acceptance of \$50,000 in grant funds from the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service, Demonstration Project for the Medical Reserve Corps.

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

PURCHASING: N/A

MBE / WBE: N/A

Background:

The grant provides funding for a project to demonstrate approaches for the establishment of a community-based, citizen-volunteer Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) unit. The MRC will provide an organized framework to attract volunteers and provide them with skills needed to work effectively in emergency situations. The MRC will provide information to the Federal Government on best practices in areas such as structure and organization, recruitment and verification of credentials, community-level partnership building, competency levels for effective action, training, risk assessment, and strategy development and planning. The MRC unit will provide additional response capacity during the initial hours following an emergency and is intended to supplement existing community emergency medical response systems as well as contribute to meeting the public health needs of the community. The demonstration project is expected to continue in the form of a final one-year grant renewal contract beginning on September 30, 2005 and ending on September 29, 2006.



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Council approved acceptance of a grant totaling \$50,000 in 2003 for health response preparedness. This current action appropriates the second year of funding to continue and enhance the current Medical Reserve Corps plan that addresses volunteer recruitment, training and retention required to upgrade the public health preparedness for, and response to, bioterrorism and other public health threats and emergencies.

The grant award provides the following:

\$50,000 – Grant FTE Continued funding for one (1) full-time FTE position for an HHS Planner 1

Performance Measures:

Departmental Goals

Protection: Public Health Emergency Preparedness: Maintain a public health emergency preparedness plan in coordination with other City Departments and community partners that allocates existing and emergency resources in a flexible and responsive manner to address public health risks in an emergency

Outcomes/Outputs

- Identify and recruit 400 volunteers during the demonstration project period.
- Verify licensure and credentials for 400 volunteers during the demonstration project period.
- Conduct training for 400 volunteers during the demonstration project period.

Requested Council Action

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OPERATING BUDGET Fiscal Note

DATE OF COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:
WHERE ON AGENDA:
DEPARTMENT:

9/2/2004
Ordinance
Health and Human Services

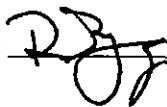
Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$50,000 in grant funds from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service, Demonstration Project for the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) grant program; and amending Ordinance No. 031204-8, the approved Fiscal Year 2003-2004 Operating Budget, Health and Human Services Special Revenue Fund, by appropriating \$50,000 in grant funds.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

	<u>Approved Budget 2003-2004</u>	<u>Impact of this Action</u>	<u>Amended Budget 2003-2004</u>
Special Revenue Fund			
Demonstration Project for the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) Supplemental Grant Fund	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$100,000
 TOTAL	 <u>\$50,000</u>	 <u>\$50,000</u>	 <u>\$100,000</u>
 FTES	 1.00	 0.00	 1.00

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Budget Office: _____



Date: _____

8/13/04

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS AND AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2003-2004 HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT OPERATING BUDGET OF ORDINANCE NO. 030909-01 TO APPROPRIATE GRANT 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 \$50,000 in grant funds from the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service, Demonstration Project for the Medical Reserve Corps grant program.

PART 2. The Council amends the Fiscal Year 2003-2004 Health and Human Services Department Special Revenue Fund Operating Budget of Ordinance No. 030909-01 to appropriate \$50,000 in grant funds for continued funding of a full-time equivalent position for the purpose of continuing and enhancing the current Medical Reserve Corps plan, bringing the grant total amount to \$100,000.

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: _____ **ATTEST:** _____
 David Allan Smith Shirley A. Brown

City Attorney

City Clerk