

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting: August 23, 2018

Item Number: 013

Emergency Medical Services

Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$32,000 in grant funds from the Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center and Toyota Buckle Up for Life Program, and amending the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Emergency Medical Services Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20170913-001) to appropriate \$32,000 for the enhancement of the existing Car Safety Seat Program.

Lead Department	Emergency Medical Services Department
Fiscal Note	Funding in the amount of \$32,000 is available from the Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center and Toyota Buckle Up for Life Program. The grant period for these funds is July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. A City funding match is not required. A fiscal note is attached.
Prior Council Action	Approval of Emergency Medical Services Department Operating Budget on September 13, 2017.
For More Information	Jasper Brown, EMS Chief of Staff, 972-7201; Kerri Lang, EMS Assistant Director 972-7211

Additional Backup Information:

On March 22, 2018, the City's Austin-Travis County Emergency Medical Services Department (ATCEMS) submitted an application to the Cincinnati Children's Hospital for their Buckle Up for Life grant (BUFL). On May 1, 2018, ATCEMS received a confirmation Award Letter from BUFL.

confirming our selection for funding of \$32,000.

The BUFL grant was established to support Child Passenger Safety programing across the United States. This opportunity allows for Child Passenger Safety programs to enhance their services and provides a uniformed deployment model that incorporates best practices while allowing organizations the dynamic capacity to modify their approach to best fit their communities.

This funding and subsequent partnership with BUFL will allow the ATCEMS established Child Passenger Safety programming the opportunity to educate more families and ensure families in the Austin area have an appropriate child restraint device (car seat). The combination of education and resource distribution will make families safer, and reduce the potential cost of medical care by ensuring children are properly restrained in the event they are involved in a car crash.

The ATCEMS Child Passenger Safety program has been established within the Austin community since 2008, and has a strong infrastructure through community partnerships. This increased funding will assist with capacity to meet the demand of Austin's growing population.

There is no match requirement. The General Fund will not be required to contribute additional funds beyond those currently budgeted to this grant. When the grant funds expire, ATCEMS's need for continuing funding will be evaluated and may be denied.