



Grant
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

AGENDA ITEM NO.: 11
AGENDA DATE: Thu 07/28/2005
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SUBJECT: Authorize approval of an ordinance to accept grant funds from the Texas Association of Regional Councils in the amount of \$4,000; and to amend the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Management Services/Office of Emergency Management Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 040913-01 to appropriate \$4,000 for a total grant amount of \$50,000, for the continuance of the Citizen Corps Council and Citizen Emergency Response Team Program.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding in the amount of \$4,000 is available in Fiscal Year 2005 from the Texas Association of Regional Councils for the grant period April 30, 2005 - August 31, 2006. 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: Steve Collier, Director, 974-0450; Lindy McGinnis, Emergency Plans Officer, 974-0465

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, February 5, 2004, and September 2, 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. The program began with four pilot teams consisting of approximately 5 – 15 members per team. This grant request will continue the program with funding for training and equipment for an additional 50 team members bringing the total number of CERT team members to approximately 300.

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



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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.

This grant provides for a grant-funded CERT Coordinator as well as 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 50 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.

OPERATING BUDGET

Fiscal Note

DATE OF COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

28-Jul-05

WHERE ON AGENDA:

Ordinance

DEPARTMENT:

Management Services/Office of Emergency Management

Authorize approval of an ordinance to accept grant funds from the Texas Association of Regional Councils in the amount of \$4,000; and to amend the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Management Services/Office of Emergency Management Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 040913-01 to appropriate \$4,000 for a total grant amount of \$50,000 for the continuance of a Citizen Corps Council and Citizen Emergency Response Team program.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

	<u>Approved Budget</u>	<u>Impact of this Action</u>	<u>Amended Budget</u>
Special Revenue Fund Citizen Corps Council 4/30/05 - 8/31/06 2004-05	\$48,000	\$4,000	\$50,000
TOTAL	<u>\$48,000</u>	<u>\$4,000</u>	<u>\$50,000</u>
FTEs	0.50	0.00	0.50

Source: Funding in the amount of \$4,000 is available in Fiscal Year 2005 from the Texas Association of Regional Councils for the grant period April 30, 2005 - August 31, 2006. No City match is required.

Budget Office:

Maria Lopez

Date:

7-21-05

OPERATING BUDGET

Fiscal Note

DATE OF COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

28-Jul-05

WHERE ON AGENDA:

Ordinance

DEPARTMENT:

Management Services/Office of Emergency Management

Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$4,000 in grant funds from the Texas Association of Regional Councils (TARC); amending the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Management Services/Office of Emergency Management Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 040913-01 to appropriate \$4,000 for a total grant amount of \$50,000 for the continuance of a Citizen Corps Council and Citizen Emergency Response Team (CERT) program; and and the creation of a 1.0 full-time equivalent position.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

	<u>Approved Budget</u>	<u>Impact of this Action</u>	<u>Amended Budget</u>
Special Revenue Fund Citizen Corps Council 4/30/05 - 8/31/08 2004-05	\$46,000	\$4,000	\$50,000
TOTAL	<u>\$46,000</u>	<u>\$4,000</u>	<u>\$50,000</u>
FTEs	0.50	1.00	1.50

Source: Funding in the amount of \$4,000 is available from the Texas Association of Regional Councils (TARC) for the grant period April 30, 2005 - August 31, 2008. No City match is required.

Budget Office:

M. Smith

Date:

6-9-05