



Grant
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

AGENDA ITEM NO.: 26
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SUBJECT: Authorize acceptance of a Domestic Preparedness Grant from the Office for Domestic Preparedness, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, in the amount of \$756,597, for enhancement of local first response capabilities for terrorist incidents; and amend Ordinance No. 030909-1, the Fiscal Year 2003-2004 Operating Budget, to appropriate \$756,597 to the Management Services - Office of Emergency Management Special Revenue Fund.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding in the amount of \$756,597 is available in the Office for Domestic Preparedness, U.S. Department of Homeland Security. (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, 974-0465; Lindy McGinnis, Emergency Plans Officer, 974-0465

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: N/A

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

PURCHASING: N/A

MBE / WBE: N/A

This request is to accept equipment or funds for services totaling approximately \$756,597, from the Office for Domestic Preparedness, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, State Homeland Security Program.

Of the total amount, \$136,198 will fund a Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program (LETPP), the goal of which is to provide the Austin Police Department and other City Departments, with enhanced capabilities for detecting, deterring, disrupting, and preventing acts of terrorism. Eligible categories for the LETPP include: information sharing to preempt terrorist attacks, target hardening to reduce vulnerability of selected high value targets, intervention activities to interdict terrorists before they can execute a threat, and interoperable communications. LETPP funds may also be used to pay for exercise expenses and overtime costs associated with exercises, planning for threat assessments, strategy and plan development, and training for attendance at office of Domestic Preparedness approved training.

The remaining funds totaling \$620,399, will be used to purchase equipment to assist the Fire, Emergency Medical Services, Police, Emergency Management and other appropriate City of Austin Departments should they be called upon to respond to a terrorist incident. Eligible expenditures include equipment in the following categories: personal protection, explosive device mitigation and remediation, interoperable communications, physical security enhancement, terrorism incident prevention, and terrorism-related incident response vehicles. Again, these funds may also be used to pay for exercise expenses and overtime costs associated with exercises, planning for threat assessments, strategy and plan development, and training for attendance at office of Domestic Preparedness approved training.

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The equipment to be purchased will be specified by the City of Austin, and will be purchased through either a Federal Prime Vendor Contract or through individually selected vendors. There is no match required by the City of Austin. When purchasing from individually selected vendors for such items as specialized communications equipment, City funds will be used. All such expenditures will however be reimbursed by the Domestic Preparedness Equipment Grant. This purchase and reimbursement process requires the Budget Amendment being requested.

As a note, regional allocations of Fiscal Year 2004 Domestic Preparedness grant funds, have yet to be determined. These decisions should be finalized before the end of the year and may then require a contract amendment or an additional contract agreement to be approved by the City Council.

Goal: To acquire and place in service special equipment for use locally by Austin Police, Fire, EMS, Emergency Management and other response personnel in the event of a terrorist incident involving chemical, nuclear, or biological weapons.

Objectives:

- To research existing or emerging devices and equipment that best meet the needs of Austin.
- To have selected devices and equipment purchased and delivered to the City of Austin.
- To place items in service with appropriate departments or agencies.

Devices and equipment will be selected and submitted for purchase prior to November, 2005.

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS AND AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2003-2004 MANAGEMENT SERVICES OPERATING BUDGET OF ORDINANCE NO. 030909-01 TO APPROPRIATE 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 \$756,597 in grant funds from the United States Department of Homeland Security Domestic Preparedness Grant to enhance local first response capabilities for terrorist incidents.

PART 2. The Council amends the Fiscal Year 2003-2004 Management Services Operating Budget of Ordinance No. 030909-01 to appropriate \$756,597 to the Office of Emergency Management Special Revenue Fund.

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: _____
David Allan Smith
City Attorney

ATTEST: _____
Shirley A. Brown
City Clerk

**OPERATING BUDGET
Fiscal Note**

DATE OF COUNCIL CONSIDERATION: 29-Jul-04
WHERE ON AGENDA: Ordinance
DEPARTMENT: Office of Emergency Management

Approve an Ordinance Authorizing acceptance of a Domestic Preparedness Grant from the Office for Domestic Preparedness, U.S. Department of Homeland Security in the amount of \$756,597 for enhancement of local first response capabilities for terrorist incidents; and amend Ordinance No. 030909-1, the Fiscal Year 2003-2004 Operating Budget, to appropriate \$756,597 to the Management Services - Office of Emergency Management Special Revenue Fund. This is a one-time grant and there are no future requirements.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

	<u>Approved Budget 2003-2004</u>	<u>Impact of this Action</u>	<u>Amended Budget 2003-2004</u>
Special Revenue Fund			
Domestic Preparedness '04 Equipment Grant	\$0	\$756,597	\$756,597
 TOTAL	 <u>\$0</u>	 <u>\$756,597</u>	 <u>\$756,597</u>
 FTEs	 -	 0.00	 -

Budget Office: _____

Date: _____

6/21/04