



**Grant**  
**CITY OF AUSTIN**  
**RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

**AGENDA ITEM NO.: 74**  
**AGENDA DATE: Thu 07/29/2004**  
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**SUBJECT:** Approve an ordinance authorizing the acceptance of additional grant funding in the amount of \$9,124.15 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency through the Texas Department of Public Safety for hazard mitigation projects; and amending Ordinance No. 030909-01, the Fiscal Year 2003-2004 Operating Budget, to appropriate grant funds to the Watershed Protection and Development Review Department Special Revenue Fund to increase grant funding and to increase expenditures by \$9,124.15 for reimbursement of eligible expenses incurred through purchasing flood prone properties.

**AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING:** Funding in the amount of \$9,124.15 is available in a FEMA grant.

**FISCAL NOTE:** A fiscal note is attached.

**REQUESTING** Watershed Protection and  
**DEPARTMENT:** Development Review

**DIRECTOR'S**  
**AUTHORIZATION:** Joe Pantalione

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sue Heumann, 974-3378; Martha Vincent, 974-3371

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:** 09/27/01 - Amend Fiscal Year 2000-2001 Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund Grant Account to accept an increased amount of eligible expenses.

**BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION:** N/A

**PURCHASING:** N/A

**MBE / WBE:** N/A

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The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) was created by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to assist states and local communities in implementing long-term hazard mitigation measures following a major disaster declaration. Program objectives are to prevent future losses of lives and property due to disasters and to provide funding for previously identified mitigation measures that benefit the disaster area.

In October 1998, the City experienced severe flooding that resulted in damage to residential structures in flood prone areas. As a result, Travis County was declared a major disaster area. The declaration authorizes the City to receive HMGP funds. The Watershed Protection and Development Review Department requested and was approved for funding under the FEMA grant program. The Texas Department of Public Safety administers the grant. The Watershed Protection and Development Review Department used the funds for voluntary acquisition and demolition of two flood prone residential structures in the Williamson Creek watershed. FEMA has reimbursed the City for up to 75% of eligible costs. The City has paid at least 25% of program costs. The City has completed acquisition and demolition of two flooded structures at 5305 and 5307 Meadow Creek Circle. After acquisition of the properties, testing indicated the presence of asbestos.

A final financial audit has been completed for this grant fund. The audit determined the City had a higher amount of total eligible project costs, thereby resulting in an additional reimbursement. Additional grant funding will reimburse the City for administrative and other costs incurred for testing, remediation of

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asbestos and demolition of the structures.

**ORDINANCE NO.**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS AND AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2003-2004 WATERSHED PROTECTION AND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW DEPARTMENT OPERATING BUDGET OF ORDINANCE NO. 030909-01 TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS AND INCREASE GRANT FUNDING AND EXPENDITURES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:**

**PART 1.** The Council authorizes the acceptance of \$9,124.15 in grant funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency through the Texas Department of Public Safety Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

**PART 2.** The Council amends Ordinance No. 030909-01, the 2003-2004 Operating Budget, to appropriate grant funds to the Watershed Protection and Development Review Department Special Revenue Fund to increase grant funding and to increase expenditures by \$9,124.15 for reimbursement of eligible expenses incurred through purchasing flood prone properties.

**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**

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Will Wynn  
Mayor

**APPROVED:**

David Allan Smith

**ATTEST:**

Shirley A. Brown

City Attorney

City Clerk

## OPERATING BUDGET Fiscal Note

DATE OF COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:  
WHERE ON AGENDA:  
DEPARTMENT:

7/29/2004

Ordinance

Watershed Protection & Development Review

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### FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

	<u>Approved Budget 2003-2004</u>	<u>Impact of this Action</u>	<u>Amended Budget 2003-2004</u>
<b>Special Revenue Fund</b>			
Grant Name      Hazard Mitigation Grant	\$0	\$9,124.15	\$9,124.15
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$9,124.15</u>	<u>\$9,124.15</u>
<b>FTES</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00

Budget Office: \_\_\_\_\_



Date: \_\_\_\_\_

7/1/04