



Grant
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

AGENDA ITEM NO.: 17
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SUBJECT: Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of grant funds in the amount of \$21,650,212.50 from the Texas Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management for FEMA Interim Housing Public Assistance, including evacuee assessment and service tracking, for Presidential Disaster Declaration FEMA 3216 E M resulting from the Hurricane Katrina evacuation and amending the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 20050912-001, to appropriate \$21,650,212.50 for costs related to interim housing assistance, including evacuee assessment and service tracking.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: \$21,650,212.50 is available from the Texas Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management.

FISCAL NOTE: A fiscal note is attached.

REQUESTING Neighborhood Housing	DIRECTOR'S
DEPARTMENT: and Community	AUTHORIZATION: <u>Paul Hilgers</u>
Development	

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul Hilgers, Director, Neighborhood Housing and Community Development; David Lurie, Director, Health and Human Services

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: N/A

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

PURCHASING: N/A

MBE / WBE: N/A

As a result of Hurricane Katrina, evacuations of residents from disaster declared Gulf Coast states (both before and after the storm) resulted in evacuees traveling to and seeking shelter in Austin, Texas. Evacuees who relocated to the State of Texas were temporarily sheltered in the Austin metropolitan area and surrounding counties.

The City of Austin played a primary role in housing evacuees at its facilities and in providing Hurricane Katrina evacuees initial transition assistance to either return home or to relocate to the Austin area. The City is therefore the entity that would logically assume the primary role in making housing arrangements for Hurricane Katrina evacuees who are remaining in the Austin area temporarily or permanently. The Neighborhood Housing and Community Development (NHCD) department initially estimated that it would need to assist approximately 2,000 Katrina evacuee households under a grant totaling \$17.2 million. NHCD has revised its estimate of evacuees that will need assistance to approximately 4,500 households.



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The City has also requested funding from FEMA to hire project monitors who will work with evacuees currently housed in apartment complexes in the Austin area. The project monitors will report to the Health and Human Services Department and keep track of the evacuees and work with them to help them become successful in either returning to their former place of residence or in establishing themselves in permanent housing and permanent employment, as appropriate, here in Austin. These funds will provide for an internet-based service point data management system that will enable the project monitors to track services provided to the evacuees and to develop and maintain stability plans on the evacuees.

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING GRANT FUNDS; AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2005-2006 NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OPERATING BUDGET OF ORDINANCE NO. 20050912-001 TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

PART 1. The Council authorizes acceptance of grant funds in the amount of \$21,650,212.50 from the Texas Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management, for FEMA Interim Housing Public Assistance, including evacuee assessment and service tracking, for Presidential Disaster Declaration FEMA 3216 E M resulting from the Hurricane Katrina evacuation.

PART 2. The Council amends the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 20050912-001 to appropriate \$21,650,212.50 for costs related to interim housing assistance.

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.

PART 4. PASSED AND APPROVED

_____, 2005 §
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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:

12/1/2005

WHERE ON AGENDA:

Ordinance

DEPARTMENT:

Neighborhood Housing and Community Development

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

	<u>Amended Budget 2005-2006</u>	<u>Impact of this Action</u>	<u>Amended Budget 2005-2006</u>
Special Revenue Fund			
FEMA -- Katrina Disaster Recovery (Phase #2 -- Interim Sheltering)	\$22,650,510	\$21,650,213	\$44,300,723
TOTAL	<u>\$22,650,510</u>	<u>\$21,650,213</u>	<u>\$44,300,723</u>
FTEs	-	-	-

Budget Office:



Date:

11-23-05