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CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

**AGENDA ITEM NO.: 3
AGENDA DATE: Thu 03/23/2006
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SUBJECT: Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of grant funds in the amount of \$51,533 from the Texas Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management, for temporary sheltering in local hotels and motels under Presidential Disaster Declaration FEMA 1606 DR resulting from the Hurricane Rita evacuation; and amending the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Financial and Administrative Services Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 20050912-001 to appropriate \$51,533 for costs related to temporary evacuee sheltering in local hotels and motels.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: \$51,533 is available from the Texas Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management.

FISCAL NOTE: A fiscal note is attached.

REQUESTING: Financial and **DIRECTOR'S**
DEPARTMENT: Administrative Services **AUTHORIZATION:** Vickie Schubert

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Leslie Browder, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, 974-2283; Jeff Knodel, Controller, 974-2589

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: N/A

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

PURCHASING: N/A

MBE / WBE: N/A

As a result of Hurricane Rita, evacuations of residents from disaster declared Gulf Coast states 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. This FEMA Public Assistance Grant will help cover the cost of sheltering Hurricane Rita evacuees in hotels and motels until they could return to their residences. Grant reimbursement will cover 100% of eligible costs. The City of Austin is a sub-grantee for this grant provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Public Assistance Program, through the Texas Department of Public Safety, Governor's Division of Emergency Management.

In late 2005, FEMA informed the City that grants would no longer be awarded based on estimated costs, but must be based on actual costs. This grant covers the actual cost of providing temporary shelter in hotels to evacuees. A second grant request has been submitted for sheltering operations.

OPERATING BUDGET Fiscal Note

DATE OF COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

3/2/06

WHERE ON AGENDA:

Ordinance

DEPARTMENT:

Financial and Administrative Services

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

	<u>Approved Budget 2005-2006</u>	<u>Impact of this Action</u>	<u>Amended Budget 2005-2006</u>
Special Revenue Fund	\$0	\$51,533	\$51,533
 TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$51,533</u>	<u>\$51,533</u>
 FTEs	0.00	0.00	0.00

Budget Office:

Mark F. 8

Date:

2-28-06

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING FEMA GRANT FUNDS FOR HURRICANE RITA TEMPORARY SHELTERING SERVICES; AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2005-2006 FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES OPERATING BUDGET SPECIAL REVENUE FUND 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 \$51,533 from the Texas Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management, under Presidential Disaster Declaration FEMA 1606 DR for Hurricane Rita temporary evacuee sheltering in local hotels and motels.

PART 2. The Council amends the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Financial and Administrative Services Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 20050912-001 to appropriate \$51,533 for costs related to temporary evacuee sheltering in local hotels and motels.

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

_____, 2006

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Will Wynn
Mayor

APPROVED: _____
David Allan Smith
City Attorney

ATTEST: _____
Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk