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Thursday, August 10, 2006

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**Human Resources
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****ITEM No. 12**

Subject: Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$43,000 in grant funds from the United States Housing and Urban Development Department for compliance with the Fair Housing Act and amending the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Human Resources Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 20050912-001 to appropriate \$43,000 in grant funds.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding of \$43,000 is available from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The grant period is October 1, 2005-September 30, 2006. An in-kind match is not required. A fiscal note is attached.

Fiscal Note: Fiscal note attached.

Additional Backup Material

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- ☐ Ordinance
- ☐ Fiscal Note

For More Information: Sarah Chen, Finance Manager, 974-3274 or Charles Gorham, EE/FH Manager, 974-3259

Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 as amended, known as the Fair Housing Act, prohibits discrimination in the sale, rental, and financing of housing based on race or color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status and disability. The Equal Employment/Fair Housing Office, located in the Human Resources Department, has been designated by HUD as a FHAP (Fair Housing Assistance Program) agency to identify, file, and investigate complaints of housing discrimination in the City of Austin. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) reimburses the City of Austin for work conducted by the Equal Employment/Fair Housing Office.

In light of the housing needs of persons displaced by Katrina and Rita, HUD designated the Equal Employment/Fair Housing Office and Austin Tenants' Council, Inc. as partners to jointly provide Fair Housing education campaign in the City of Austin, to raise the public's awareness of civil rights regarding fair housing, and specifically for outreach campaign for persons displaced by Katrina and Rita of their Fair Housing rights and responsibilities. One-time funding was added for this partnership endeavor.

In FY 06, HUD opened the National Fair Housing Training Academy in Washington, D.C. All FHAP personnel were required to go through a series of training provided by the Academy within a specified time frame. Initially, training funds were retained by HUD for direct payments to the Academy. HUD later decided to disperse training funds to the FHAP.

Performance Measure(s): • Percentage of contract requirement fulfilled as required by contract (100%)

Requested Action:

Council is requested to amend the FY2005-06 Operating Budget by accepting and appropriating an additional \$43,000 in grant funds for the Human Resources Department's Fair Housing Act Compliance grant.

Contingency Plan:

The partnership with Austin Tenants' Council, Inc. will cease if funding is eliminated. The Academy training funds will continue to be part of the grant reimbursement.

ORDINANCE NO.

1 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS
2 AND AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2005-2006 HUMAN RESOURCES
3 DEPARTMENT OPERATING BUDGET OF ORDINANCE NO. 20050912-001 TO
4 APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE FAIR HOUSING
5 ACT.
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7 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:
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9 **PART 1.** The Council authorizes acceptance of \$43,000 in grant funds from the United
10 States Housing and Urban Development Department for compliance with the Fair
11 Housing Act.

12 **PART 2.** The Council amends the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Human Resources Department
13 Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 20050912-001 to appropriate
14 \$43,000 in grant funds.

15 **PART 3.** This ordinance takes effect on _____, 2006.

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Will Wynn
Mayor

APPROVED:

David Allan Smith
City Attorney

ATTEST:

Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk

OPERATING BUDGET

Fiscal Note

DATE OF COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:
WHERE ON AGENDA:
DEPARTMENT:

Ordinance
Human Resources

Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$43,000 in grant funds from HUD for the Fair Housing Act compliance, amending Ordinance No. 20050912-01, the FY2005-06 Approved Operating Budget, and amending the Special Revenue Fund by appropriating \$43,000 in grant funds for the Human Resources Department Special Revenue Fund for a total grant amount of \$237,000.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

	Approved Budget 2005-2006	Impact of this Action	Amended Budget 2005-2006
Special Revenue Fund Fair Housing Compliance 10/05 - 09/06	\$194,000	\$43,000	\$237,000
TOTAL	<u>\$194,000</u>	<u>\$43,000</u>	<u>\$237,000</u>
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Budget Office: _____ Date: _____