



Thursday, October 19, 2006

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Development
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****ITEM No 12**

Subject Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of grant funds in the amount of \$617,218 50 from the Texas Department of Public Safety under Presidential Disaster Declaration FEMA 3216 E M resulting from the Hurricane Katrina evacuation, and amending the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No 20060911-001 to appropriate \$617,218 50 for costs related to utility assistance for interim public housing

Amount and Source of Funding Funding is available from the Texas Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management

Fiscal Note A fiscal note is attached

Additional Backup Material

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- [Fiscal Note](#)
- [Draft Ordinance](#)

For More Information Paul Hilgers, Director, Neighborhood Housing and Community Development, 974-3108

As a result of Hurricane Katrina, the City of Austin received a large influx of evacuees from Louisiana requiring shelter in and around the city. As the need to relocate these evacuees from larger group shelter facilities to more suitable forms of housing, the City participated in the Section 403 Interim Housing Program administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The Section 403 program expired in August and FEMA approved a utility subsidy program to extend payment of utilities for a period of one year from the original lease date for evacuees sheltered under the Section 403 Interim Housing Program.

This grant of \$617,218 50 will fund the cost of managing and paying utilities for approximately 1,892 units, beginning in September 2006 and decreasing month by month through February 2007. Under FEMA's requirements for disaster-specific program management, the City created a budget and a database of eligible households. The utility funding is based on an average monthly bill of \$138 00. The monthly breakdown of units receiving utility assistance is 1,892 for September, 707 for October, 355 for November, 192 for December, 65 for January, and nine in February. Additionally the grant will fund temporary staff and regular staff overtime to coordinate program administrative duties. The grant will also reimburse 100% of related eligible costs.

OPERATING BUDGET Fiscal Note

DATE OF COUNCIL CONSIDERATION
WHERE ON AGENDA
DEPARTMENT

10/19/06
Ordinance
Financial and Administrative Services

Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of public assistance grant funds in the amount of \$617,218 50 from the Texas Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management under Presidential Disaster Declaration Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) 3216 E M resulting from the Hurricane Katrina evacuation, and amending the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Financial and Administrative Services Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No 20060911-001 to appropriate the grant funds described above

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

	<u>Amended Budget 2005-2006</u>	<u>Impact of this Action</u>	<u>Approved Budget 2006-2007</u>
Special Revenue Fund			
FEMA Public Assistance for Presidential Disaster Declaration 3216 EM	\$44,511,967	\$617,219	\$45,129,186
TOTAL	<u>\$44,511,967</u>	<u>\$617,219</u>	<u>\$45,129,186</u>
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ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING GRANT FUNDS AND AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2006-2007 NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OPERATING BUDGET OF ORDINANCE NO. 2006911-01 TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS.

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 \$617,218 50 from the Texas Department of Public Safety under Presidential Disaster Declaration FEMA 3216 E M resulting from the Hurricane Katrina evacuation

PART 2. The Council amends the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No 2006911-01 to appropriate \$617,218 50 for costs related to utility assistance to Hurricane Katrina evacuees residing in interim public housing

PART 3. This ordinance takes effect on _____, 2006

PASSED AND APPROVED

_____, 2006

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Will Wynn
Mayor

APPROVED: _____
David Allan Smith
City Attorney

ATTEST: _____
Shirley A Gentry
City Clerk