

## AGENDA



Thursday, June 10, 2010

**Fire  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 11**

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**Subject:** Approve an ordinance accepting \$611,360 in Assistance to Firefighters Grant funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency; and amending the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Fire Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 20090915-002 to appropriate \$611,360 for the installation of Diesel Exhaust Evacuation Systems at Austin fire stations.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding is available from FEMA Fiscal Year 2009 Assistance to Firefighters Grant program (\$611,360). An in - kind match of \$152,840 is available from the Fire Department's Operating Budget. The grant period is May 22, 2010 to May 21, 2011.

**Fiscal Note:** A Fiscal Note is attached.

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The Austin Fire Department (AFD) has been awarded a Federal Emergency Management Agency Assistance Firefighters Grant to protect the health and safety of firefighting personnel by funding the installation of "Diesel Exhaust Evacuation Systems" (DEES). AFD has 44 stations of which 36 stations are not currently equipped with these systems. These systems prevent exposure to firefighters, and contamination of living and sleeping areas to exhaust emissions. The grant total is \$764,200, of which \$152,840 is the City's required match. By installing these systems, AFD will comply with the National Fire Protection Association standard 1500 9.1.6 which states "The Fire Department shall prevent exposure to fire fighters and contamination of living and sleeping areas to exhaust emissions." DEEs equipment will ensure that each vehicle will be equipped properly to vent emissions directly to the outside while leaving and returning to the fire station.