

AGENDA



Thursday, July 29, 2010

**Office of Emergency Management
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 43**

Subject: Approve an ordinance accepting \$100,000 in grant funds from Fund for Cities of Service, Inc., and amending the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, Management Services Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance 20090914-002 to appropriate \$100,000 for the Cities of Service program and to add one full-time equivalent position.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$100,000 is available in grant funds from Fund for Cities of Service, Inc.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

For More Information: Aoife Longmore, 974-0468, Grants Coordinator, Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management Services; Otis Latin, 974-0461, Director, Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management Services.

This action requests authority to accept and appropriate \$100,000 in grant funds from Fund for Cities of Service, Inc., which selected Austin as one of the municipalities to receive a Cities of Service Leadership Grant to fund a Chief Service Officer position. The funding is being awarded in recognition of the Mayor's commitment to increase civic engagement and local service efforts. The grant will pay for the salary and benefits, and possibly travel and other expenses, of a full-time Chief Service Officer (CSO), who will be responsible for a number of specific duties described in the grant agreement. The CSO must focus solely on work related to the development and implementation of Austin's comprehensive service plan and related Cities of Service coalition tasks.

The grant is for two years, and the grantor will provide a second payment of \$100,000 within thirty days of receipt and acceptance of a satisfactory first year progress report from the City, which is due by September 30, 2011.

The Support Services Fund will not be required to contribute to this grant or to the funding of this position. When the grant funds expire, Management Service's need for the position will be evaluated and the position may be eliminated.