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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council		Item ID	58795	Agenda Number	6.
Meeting Date:	6/16/2016		Department:	Health and Human Services	
Subject					
Approve second and third readings of an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$476,514 in grant funds from the TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY; and amending the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Health and Human Services Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20150908-001) to appropriate \$476,514 for programs authorized under the Texas Health and Safety Code for whole air monitoring.					
Amount and Source of Funding					
Funding in the amount of \$476,514 is available from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. Additionally, the amended grant period is September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2017.					
Fiscal Note					
A fiscal note is attached.					
Purchasing Language:					
Prior Council Action:	On September 10, 2015, Council approved Ordinance No. 20150910-BUDG001 adopting the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Operating Budget. On June 18, 2015, Council approved Ordinance No. 20150618-022 accepting the initial grants funds for this program. June 9, 2016 - Council approved on first reading.				
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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:					
MBE / WBE:					
Related Items:					
Additional Backup Information					

The Department of Homeland Security through the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality is providing grant funding to the local health department for whole air monitoring. Details of this award are "For Official Use Only" and are homeland security sensitive. This funding provides core critical capacity for field operations and public health emergency response activities. Funds support three full-time equivalent positions for field operations and to develop sampling plans and procedures. These positions were funded by the same grant this past year. Therefore, no new positions are being created with these funds.

The General Fund will not be required to contribute additional funds beyond those currently budgeted to this grant. When the grant funds expire, the Health and Human Services Department's need for continuing funding will be evaluated and may be denied.