

Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL Regular Meeting : February 15, 2018

Item Number: 012

Homeland Security & Emergency Management

Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of an additional \$20,000 in grant funds from the State Homeland Security Grant Program and amending the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Management Services Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20170913-001) to appropriate \$20,000 to purchase radiological detection equipment for the Austin Fire Department.

Lead Department	Homeland Security and Emergency Management.
Fiscal Note	Funding in the amount of \$20,000 is available from the State Homeland Security Grant Program. A City funding match is not required. A fiscal note is attached.
Prior Council Action	November 9, 2017 - Budget amendment to accept an additional \$50,000 from the State Homeland Security Grant Program.
For More Information	Aoife Longmore, HSEM Finance Manager, 512-974-0468; Larry Jantzen, Austin Fire Department Chief, 512-974-4161.

Additional Backup Information:

These additional grant funds will be to purchase radiological detection equipment for the Austin Fire Department. The requested increase of \$20,000 represents the increase from the amended grant appropriation of \$1,250,000 that was approved at the November 9, 2017 City Council meeting.

The project that will be funded is for the Austin Fire Department's hazardous materials detection program. It will be used to purchase radiological detectors to detect radiation early and prevent harmful or lethal exposures for first responders and the general public.

A City funding match is not required. The General Fund will not be required to contribute additional funds beyond those currently budgeted to this grant. When the grant funds expire, the Homeland Security and Emergency Management Office's need for continuing funding will be evaluated and may be denied.