

OPERATING BUDGET FISCAL NOTE

DATE OF COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

2/21/19

CONTACT DEPARTMENT(S):

Communications and Technology Management

FUND:

Special Revenue

SUBJECT: Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Communications and Technology Management Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance 20180911-001) to accept and appropriate \$4,860,509 in a Disaster Recovery grant funds from the Texas General Land Office; and authorize negotiation and execution of an agreement with the Texas General Land Office to install two additional radio communications sites in southeast Austin and Travis County.

CURRENT YEAR IMPACT:

	2018-19 Approved	This Action	2018-19 Amended
Texas GLO Disaster Recovery Grant			
Grant Period: 02/19 -02/21	0	4,860,509	4,860,509
Total	0	4,860,509	4,860,509
 FTEs	 0.00	 0.00	 0.00

FIVE-YEAR IMPACT:

	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
Total Revenue	4,860,509	0	0	0	0
Total Expenditures	4,860,509	0	0	0	0
Net Impact	0	0	0	0	0

ANALYSIS / ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The Texas General Land Office Disaster Recovery program provides grants to organizations to help them recover from and prepare for natural disasters. During the 2015 flooding, radio communications hampered the response of law enforcement, fire and ems responders to residents requests for assistance. An analysis of the radio system showed that adding two radio tower sites in southeast Austin and Travis County would provide major improvements in radio communications during natural disaster events.

City of Austin, acting as managing partner for the Greater Austin/Travis County Regional Radio System (GATRRS) applied to the Texas General Land Office for a Disaster Recovery Grant to improve radio communications in southeast Austin and Travis County for law enforcement, fire, and ems responders. Texas GO has awarded \$4,860,509 to City of Austin for improving radio communications in southeast Austin and Travis County.