



Recommendation for Action

File #: 19-1889, **Agenda Item #:** 17.

6/6/2019

Posting Language

Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$4,177 in additional grant funds from the Texas Department of State Health Services, Austin, Texas, and amending the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Austin Public Health Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20180911-001) to appropriate \$4,177 for public health emergency preparedness activities.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$687,177 is available from the Texas Department of State Health Services. A fiscal note is attached.

Prior Council Action:

On September 11, 2018, Council approved Ordinance No. 20180911-001 adopting the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Operating Budget, which authorized \$683,000 in grant appropriation for public health emergency preparedness activities.

For More Information:

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

N/A.

Additional Backup Information:

The Texas Department of State Health Services, Community Preparedness Section, is allocating \$687,177 for the continuation of Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) activities defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and categorized to address nine public health preparedness goals to:

1. Increase the use and development of interventions known to prevent human illness from chemical, biological, and radiological agents, and naturally occurring health threats.
2. Decrease the time needed to classify health events as terrorism or naturally occurring in partnership with other agencies.
3. Decrease the time needed to detect and report chemical, biological, and radiological agents in tissue, food, or environmental samples that cause threats to the public's health.
4. Improve the timeliness and accuracy of information regarding threats to the public's health as reported by clinicians and through electronic early-event detection in real time to those who need to know.
5. Decrease the time to identify causes, risk factors, and appropriate interventions for those affected by threats to the public's health.
6. Decrease the time needed to provide countermeasures and health guidance to those affected by

threats to the public's health.

7. Decrease the time needed to restore health services and environmental safety to pre-event levels.
8. Increase the long-term follow-up provided to those affected by threats to the public's health.
9. Decrease the time needed to implement recommendations from after-action reports following threats to the public's health.

The funding will be used for a new amended grant term of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

Performance Measures:

- Number of cases investigated by Epidemiology and Disease Surveillance team
- Percent of all infectious diseases reported that result in the implementation of intervention strategies
- Number of emergency bioterrorism drills conducted
- Number of emergency preparedness plans reviewed
- Percent of all foodborne illness investigations initiated within three hours from notification

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