



Recommendation for Action

File #: 19-2759, **Agenda Item #:** 7.

9/19/2019

Posting Language

Approve an ordinance accepting grant funds from the Texas Department of Public Safety, and amending the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20180911-001) in the amount of \$1,314,087 for the following departments: Austin Energy, Austin Fire Department, Austin Police Department, Austin Water, Emergency Medical Services, Homeland Security and Emergency Management, Parks and Recreation Department, and Public Works, and amending the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Capital Budget to transfer in and appropriate \$773,140 for Public Works Department's Falwell Lane project.

Lead Department

Budget Office

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$1,314,087 is available from the Federal Emergency Management Agency via the Texas Department of Public Safety. A City match of 25% for the Halloween 2015 Flood projects and Colorado Flood 2018 project, and 0% for Hurricane Harvey 2017 is required and available in various department Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Operating and Capital Budgets. A fiscal note is attached.

Prior Council Action:

June 26, 2014 Item # 21 - Council approved bundles 1, 4, 5, and 6 of grant funding.
August 28, 2014 Item # 27 - Council approved bundles 7 and 8 of grant funding.
March 12, 2015 Item # 5 - Council approved bundles 9, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, and 20 of grant funding.
October 6, 2016 Item # 16 - Council approved individual grant awards.
June 22, 2017 Item #17 - Council approved individual grant awards.
May 24, 2018 Item #7 - Council approved individual grant awards.

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Additional Backup Information:

The 2015 Halloween Flood that began on October 30, 2015, resulted from rainfall that fell directly on Austin, creating spontaneous and unpredictably hazardous conditions. Travis County Judge Sarah Eckhardt signed a Disaster Declaration October 30, 2015. The President approved Public and Individual Assistance on November 25, 2015.

Public Assistance enabled the City of Austin to work with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to obtain funding to bring City owned and maintained facilities and infrastructure back to pre-disaster condition. The funds flow to the City through the Texas Department of Public Safety. The Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM) has coordinated the gathering and submittal of debris removal, emergency protective measures, and infrastructure projects.

The two Halloween 2015 flood awards coming before Council today are for the Falwell Lane area. This area was impacted by the 2013 Halloween floods, received some repairs, and was impacted again by the 2015 Halloween floods. The City of Austin applied for Public Assistance and a Hazard Mitigation Grant to repair the roads and embankment. The application process began in the fall of 2016 and continued through final

submission of the grant proposal in September 2018.

Hurricane Harvey made landfall on the Texas coast on August 25, 2017. The impact of the category four hurricane led to a federal disaster declaration on August 28. Travis County was included for Public Assistance the following day. The Austin-Travis County Emergency Operations Center activated in anticipation of, and response to locally heavy wind and rain and in support of the State's Hurricane Harvey response efforts. The City, County, and regional partners coordinated sheltering operations, first in Austin ISD facilities, and then opening a megashelter in South Austin. The sheltering operations also included public health services, housing assistance, and animal sheltering. Mutual aid was provided to coastal areas. Sheltering assistance was provided through the beginning of October.

The two awards coming before Council today are for Emergency Protective Measures and Grant Administration.

The Colorado River flooding and subsequent boil water notice response was initiated as widespread rainfall occurred throughout the central Texas region in early October 2018. The watershed basins received heavy rainfall and flood response operations for area dams commenced. Water draining through the Colorado River was fed by water from the Llano River which had a significant amount of silt, dirt, and debris. By October 20, 2018, the increased water turbidity began to impact Water Treatment Plant operations and water production fell as clogged filtration systems were addressed. On October 21, 2018, the Austin Water Director recommended the Austin City Manager initiate a boil water notice preemptively. On October 22, 2018, water conservation and boil water notices were communicated to all Austin Water customers. The boil water notice lasted for seven days, during which time the City worked to regain water quality and production levels, and to ensure the community had access to drinking water. On February 25, 2019, a federal disaster declaration was issued for the event for 33 counties, including Travis County.

The award coming before Council today is for repairs at the Walnut Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant.

This budget amendment is the seventh to appropriate grant funds from FEMA. Council will be presented with additional appropriation requests in the future once FEMA has approved the projects and determined funding estimates accordingly:

Department	Project	FEMA Reimbursement	City Match	Total Project Value
Austin Energy	Gravel Access Road off of Fallwell Lane	\$6,681	\$2,227	\$8,908
Public Works	Fallwell Lane	\$773,140	\$257,714	\$1,030,854

Department	Project	FEMA Reimbursement	City Match	Total Project Value
Homeland Security and Emergency Management	Management Costs	\$24,628	\$0	\$24,628
Austin Fire	Emergency Protective Measures	\$153,673	\$0	\$153,673
Austin Police	Emergency Protective Measures	\$320,841	\$0	\$320,841
EMS	Emergency Protective Measures	\$16,024	\$0	\$16,024
Parks and Recreation	Emergency Protective Measures	\$2,027	\$0	\$2,027

Department	Project	FEMA Reimbursement	City Match	Total Project Value
Austin Water	Walnut Creek WWTP	\$17,073	5,691	\$22,764
Total		\$1,314,087	\$265,632	\$1,579,719