



Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-3069, **Agenda Item #:** 6.

9/17/2020

Posting Language

Approve an ordinance accepting grant funds from the Texas Department of Emergency Management, and amending the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20190910-001) in the amount of \$2,749,847 for the following departments: Animal Services Department, Austin Code Department, Austin Energy, Austin Fire Department, Austin Police Department, Austin Public Health, Austin Public Library, Austin Resource Recovery, Austin Water Department, Aviation, Communications and Technology Management, Corporate Public Information Office, Emergency Medical Services, Fleet Services Department, Homeland Security and Emergency Management, Human Resources Department, Parks and Recreation Department, Planning and Zoning, and Watershed Protection, and amending the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Capital Budget to transfer in and appropriate \$106,600 for Austin Water's Davis and Ulrich Water Treatment Plant Projects.

Lead Department

Budget Office

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$2,749,847 is available from the Federal Emergency Management Agency via the Texas Department of Emergency Management. A City match of 25% is required and available in various department Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Operating Budgets. Fiscal notes are 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.
September 19, 2019 Item #7 - Council approved individual grant awards.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

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 Lake LBJ and Lake Buchanan watershed basins received heavy rainfall causing significant damage to surrounding areas. Much of this rainfall drained to the Colorado River through Lake Travis from the Llano River. As a result, the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) and Austin Water Department commenced flood response operations.

The EOC was activated on October 18. The water draining through the Colorado River was fed by water from the Llano River which had a significant amount of silt, dirt, and debris as a result of the extremely dry summer conditions in the area. By Saturday, October 20, 2018, the increased water turbidity began to impact Water

Treatment Plant (WTP) operations and water production fell. On October 22, 2018, a boil water notice was issued preemptively. On October 23, 2018, the turbidity levels leaving the filters at one of the WTPs triggered a mandatory boil water notice by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ).

The impact of the boil water notice was felt throughout the city and county. Restaurants, schools, and hospitals were all impacted. Austin HSEM and Travis County OEM provided potable water to the community through seven water points of distribution (PODs). Five of these PODs were run by the City of Austin, one of the PODs was run by Travis County, and one POD was run by Williamson County.

The boil water notice lasted for seven days. On October 28, 2018, TCEQ informed Austin Water that all the criteria required to lift the boil water notice had been met.

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 Fire Department	Emergency Protective Measures	\$97,253	\$32,418	\$129,671
Austin Public Health	Emergency Protective Measures	\$18,728	\$6,243	\$24,970
Animal Services	Emergency Protective Measures	\$1,713	\$571	\$2,284
Austin Code	Emergency Protective Measures	\$3,727	\$1,242	\$4,970
Corporate Public Information Office	Emergency Protective Measures	\$2,008	\$669	\$2,677
Emergency Medical Services	Emergency Protective Measures	\$3,944	\$1,315	\$5,258
Planning and Zoning	Emergency Protective Measures	\$921	\$308	\$1,229
Watershed Protection	Emergency Protective Measures	\$1,664	\$555	\$2,218
Austin Energy	Emergency Protective Measures	\$61,369	\$20,456	\$81,825
Austin Resource Recovery	Emergency Protective Measures	\$15,162	\$5,054	\$20,215
Aviation	Emergency Protective Measures	\$959	\$320	\$1,278
Human Resources	Emergency Protective Measures	\$2,908	\$969	\$3,878
Austin Police Department	Emergency Protective Measures	\$56,284	\$18,761	\$75,045
Austin Public Library	Emergency Protective Measures	\$2,936	\$979	\$3,914
Austin Water	Emergency Protective Measures	\$1,341,809	\$447,270	\$1,789,079
Communications and Technology Management	Emergency Protective Measures	\$2,931	\$977	\$3,908

Fleet	Emergency Protective Measures	\$56,387	\$18,796	\$75,182
Homeland Security and Emergency Management	Emergency Protective Measures	\$45,881	\$15,294	\$61,175
Department	Project	FEMA Reimbursement	City Match	Total Project Value
Parks and Recreation	Emergency Protective Measures	\$44,966	\$14,989	\$59,955
Austin Water	Davis Water Treatment Plant	\$9,917	\$3,306	\$13,222
Austin Water	Ulrich Water Treatment Plant	\$112,500	\$37,500	\$150,000
Parks and Recreation	Trail damage	\$178,420	\$59,473	\$237,893
Total				\$2,749,847

Strategic Outcome(s):

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