



## Recommendation for Action

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### **Posting Language**

Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Austin Public Health Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20200812-001) to accept and appropriate an additional \$169,941 in grant funds from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for the support of whole air monitoring efforts.

### **Lead Department**

Austin Public Health.

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$589,941 is available from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. The contract period of this funding runs from May 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022. Funding is limited to the dates listed and will expire on August 31, 2022. A City funding match is not required. A fiscal note is attached.

### **For More Information:**

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### **Additional Backup Information:**

The Department of Homeland Security through the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality is providing grant funding to select local health departments for whole air monitoring efforts. Details of this award are "For Official Use Only" and are homeland security-sensitive. This funding provides core critical capacity for field operations and public health emergency response activities. Funds will support 3.0 existing full-time equivalent employees (also referred to as FTE's) for field operations and to develop sampling plans and procedures. Additionally, funding will be used to provide administrative oversight and support for existing staff. This grant award will bring the total amount of Whole Air Monitoring grant funds to \$589,941.

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

### **Strategic Outcome(s):**

Health and Environment; Safety.