



**Grant
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

**AGENDA ITEM NO.: 16
AGENDA DATE: Thu 06/23/2005
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SUBJECT: Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$302,205 in grant funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program for enhancements to the existing Fire Department Wellness/Fitness programs; and amending the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Fire Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 040913-01 to appropriate \$302,205 for the creation of three (3.0) full-time equivalent positions.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding is available from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). An in-kind match of \$129,516 is required from the Fire Department Operating Budget and will be included in the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Proposed Budget. The grant period is 03/11/05 through 03/11/06. Continued operation of this program is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

FISCAL NOTE: A fiscal note is attached.

**REQUESTING Fire
DEPARTMENT:**

**DIRECTOR'S
AUTHORIZATION: Amy Singer**

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Jim Evans, 974-4100; David Sheedy 974-0200

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: None

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

PURCHASING: N/A

MBE / WBE: N/A

Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$302,205 in grant funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program for the enhancements to the existing Fire Department Wellness/Fitness programs. (The amount of \$302,205 is from FEMA. The grant term is March 11, 2005 through March 11, 2006. The City in-kind match is \$129,516.)

The Austin Fire Department is seeking to develop a Public Safety Wellness Center by expanding its current wellness and fitness programs. Although initially on the forefront of wellness and fitness initiatives, three years of reduced funding have severely limited the effectiveness of the program.

The Austin Fire Department's goal is to maintain a healthy, physically fit workforce that was equipped to handle the physical, mental and emotional demands of their work. It is our intent to ultimately re-establish programs aimed at meeting the requirements of the Joint Fitness Initiative (JFI), as well as to comply with National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1582 Standards on Medical Requirements for Firefighters and NFPA 1583 Standard on Health Related Fitness Programs for Firefighters. In addition, a contracted physician, psychologist, and fitness coordinator and support personnel will provide mandated & age appropriate physicals to AFD and ATC/EMS personnel.

This action will authorize the addition of the following five (5) full-time equivalent (FTE) positions in the stated fiscal years:

<u>Full-time Equivalent</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u>
Physician*	2004-05
Fitness Safety Senior	2004-05
Health Information Management Technician	2004-05
Nurse Practitioner	2005-06
Clinic Administrator	2005-06



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**Initially will be contracted with goal towards hiring after center is established.*

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS AND AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2004-2005 FIRE DEPARTMENT OPERATING BUDGET OF ORDINANCE NO. 040913-01 TO APPROPRIATE GRANT FUNDS AND CREATE FIVE FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

PART 1. The Council authorizes the acceptance of \$302,205 in grant funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program.

PART 2. The Council amends the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Fire Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 040913-01 to appropriate \$302,205 for the creation of five full-time equivalent positions.

PART 3. This ordinance takes effect on _____, 2005.

PASSED AND APPROVED

_____, 2005

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Will Wynn
Mayor

APPROVED: _____
David Allan Smith
City Attorney

ATTEST: _____
Shirley A. Brown
City Clerk

OPERATING BUDGET

Fiscal Note

DATE OF COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:
WHERE ON AGENDA:
DEPARTMENT:

6/23/05
Ordinance
Fire Department

Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$302,205 in grant funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program; and amending Ordinance No. 040913-01, the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 operating budget for the Fire Department, amending the Special Revenue Fund by appropriating \$302,205 in grant funds for the Fire Department Special Revenue Fund and the creation of 5.0 full-time equivalent positions.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

	<u>Approved Budget 2004-2005</u>	<u>Impact of this Action</u>	<u>Amended Budget 2004-2005</u>
Special Revenue Fund Assistance to Firefighters Grant 3/11/05 through 3/11/06	\$0	\$302,205	\$302,205
TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$302,205</u>	<u>\$302,205</u>
FTEs	-	5.00	5.00

Source: Funding in the amount of \$302,205 is available from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Assistance to Firefighters Program, for the grant period March 11, 2005 - March 11, 2006.
City match is required.

Budget Office:

M. G. [Signature]

Date:

5-31-05