



Grant
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

AGENDA ITEM NO.: 6
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SUBJECT: Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$1,009,504 in grant funds from the State of Texas, Governor's Division of Emergency Management, Homeland Security Grant Program; and amending the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Public Safety and Emergency Management Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 20050912-001 to appropriate \$1,009,504 for a total grant amount of \$2,037,504 for the enhancement of local first response capabilities for terrorist incidents.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding in the amount of \$1,009,504 is available from the State of Texas, Governor's Division of Emergency Management.

FISCAL NOTE: A fiscal note is attached.

REQUESTING Public Safety and **DIRECTOR'S**
DEPARTMENT: Emergency Management **AUTHORIZATION:** Bruce Mills

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Steve Collier, Director, Office of Emergency Management; Lindy McGinnis, Emergency Plans Officer

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: On September 12, 2005, Council approved the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Budget which included appropriations of \$800,000 for the Domestic Preparedness Grant and \$228,000 for the Metro Medical Response System grant in the Special Revenue Fund. This action combines both of these grants into one grant and adds an additional \$1,009,504 to the total funding.

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

PURCHASING: N/A

MBE / WBE: N/A

In past years, the two grants that comprise the Homeland Security Grant, the Metro Medical Response System grant and the Domestic Preparedness grant, were administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Texas Engineering Extension Service, respectively. This year, both grants are being administered by the State of Texas, Governor's Division of Emergency Management and have been awarded to the City of Austin under one grant entitled the Homeland Security Grant.

On September 12, 2005, Council approved the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Budget which included appropriations of \$800,000 for the Domestic Preparedness Grant and \$228,000 for the Metro Medical Response System grant in the Special Revenue Fund. This action de-appropriates the funds for those two grants, re-appropriates the funds into the Homeland Security Grant and adds an additional \$1,009,504 to the grant for a total appropriation of \$2,037,504.

Of the total amount, \$482,643 will fund a Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program (LETPP); the goal of which is to provide the Austin Police Department and other City Departments with enhanced capabilities for detecting, deterring, disrupting, and preventing acts of terrorism. Eligible categories for the LETPP include: information sharing to preempt terrorist attacks; target hardening to reduce vulnerability of selected high value targets; and interoperable communications. LETPP funds may also be



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used to pay for exercise expenses and overtime costs associated with exercises, planning for threat assessments, strategy and plan development, and training for attendance at Office of Domestic Preparedness approved training.

Funds totaling \$1,327,269 will be used to purchase equipment to assist the Fire, Emergency Medical Services, Police, Emergency Management, Austin-Travis County Health and Human Services, and other appropriate City of Austin departments should they be called upon to respond to a terrorist incident. Eligible expenditures include equipment in the following categories: personal protection; explosive device mitigation and remediation; interoperable communications and information technology; physical security enhancement; terrorism incident prevention, detection, and decontamination; and terrorism-related incident response vehicles. These funds may also be used to pay for exercise expenses and overtime costs associated with exercises, planning for threat assessments, strategy and plan development, and training for attendance at Office of Domestic Preparedness approved training.

The Metro Medical Response System Program (MMRS) will continue to be funded at \$227,592. This program focuses on integrating local health and medical assets, including hospitals, public health, and EMS into a comprehensive capability for managing terrorist or conventional incidents that generate large numbers of casualties. Eligible expenditures include planning activities, medical supplies and pharmaceuticals, equipment, training, and allowable exercise costs.

Equipment to be purchased will be specified by the City of Austin and will be purchased through either a Federal Prime Vendor Contract or through individually selected vendors. There is no match required by the City of Austin. When purchasing from individually selected vendors for such items as specialized communications equipment, City funds will be used. All such expenditures will, however, be reimbursed by the Homeland Security Grant.

Goal: To acquire and place in service special equipment for use locally by the Austin Police, Fire, EMS, Emergency Management, Austin-Travis County Health and Human Services, and other response personnel in the event of a terrorist incident involving chemical, nuclear, or biological weapons.

Objectives:

- To research existing or emerging devices and equipment that best meet the needs of the Austin.
- To have selected devices and equipment purchased and delivered to the City of Austin.
- To place items in service with appropriate departments or agencies.

Devices and equipment will be selected and submitted for purchase prior to December 30, 2006.

ORDINANCE NO. _____

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS
AND AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2005-2006 PUBLIC SAFETY AND
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT OPERATING BUDGET OF
ORDINANCE NO. 20050912-001 TO APPROPRIATE GRANT FUNDS.**

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

PART 1. The Council authorizes the acceptance of \$1,009,504 in grant funds from the State of Texas, Governor's Division of Emergency Management, Homeland Security Grant Program.

PART 2. The Council amends the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Public Safety and Emergency Management Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 20050912-001 to appropriate \$1,009,504 for a total grant amount of \$2,037,504 for the enhancement of local first response capabilities for terrorist incidents.

PART 3. This ordinance takes effect on _____.

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:

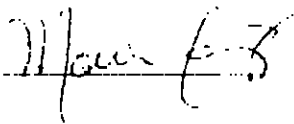
12-1-2005
Ordinance
Public Safety and Emergency Management

Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$1,009,504 in grant funds from the State of Texas, Governor's Division of Emergency Management, Homeland Security Grant Program, and amend the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Public Safety and Emergency Management Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 20050912-001 to appropriate \$1,009,504 for a total grant amount of \$2,037,504 for the enhancement of local first response capabilities for terrorist incidents.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

	<u>Approved Budget 2005-06</u>	<u>Impact of this Action</u>	<u>Amended Budget 2005-06</u>
Special Revenue Fund			
Domestic Preparedness Equipment Grant 10/1/2005-12/30/2006	\$300,000	(\$800,000)	\$0
Metro Medical Response System 10/1/2005-12/30/2006	\$228,000	(\$228,000)	\$0
Homeland Security Grant Program 10/1/2005-12/30/2006	\$0	\$2,037,504	\$2,037,504
TOTAL	<u>\$1,028,000</u>	<u>\$1,009,504</u>	<u>\$2,037,504</u>
FIES	130		130

Budget Officer:



Date:

4-21-05