

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	22506	Agenda Number	14.
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Meeting Date:	3/28/2013	Department:	Emergency Medical Services
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Subject

Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$5,700 in grant funds from the Dell Children's Medical Center Injury Prevention Fund, and amending the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Emergency Medical Services Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20120910-001) to appropriate \$5,700 for supplies related to the Emergency Medical Services Child Passenger Safety Seat Program.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available from the Dell Children's Medical Center via The Kohl's Booster Buddies Program for the grant period of June 1, 2012 to May 31, 2013. No match is required.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	
For More Information:	Ernesto Rodriguez, Director, 972-7148
Boards and Commission Action:	
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, motor vehicle injuries are the leading cause of death among children up to age 17 in the U.S. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) reports that the proper use of a child safety seat reduces the risk of fatal injury by 71% for infants and 54% for toddlers in passenger cars. However, NHTSA's research shows that three out of four child safety seats are improperly installed.

Austin-Travis County EMS (ATCEMS) currently has multiple monthly car seat check events all over Austin and Travis County. At these events, trained ATCEMS staff will examine child safety seats currently in place; educate caregivers on the proper way to secure their children in a motor vehicle; explain the Texas seat belt/booster seat law; and provide child safety seats to those who are in need.

ATCEMS provides child passenger safety seats and certified child safety seat technicians. This certification is a nationally recognized program under the direction of Safe Kids Worldwide and the National Highway Traffic Safety Association. The ATCEMS program includes partnerships with two local non-profits, Safe Kids Austin and Scott

and White's Safety Stop, as well as other public safety agencies including the Travis County Sheriff's Office.

The acceptance of these funds will allow ATCEMS to purchase child safety seats to distribute at these seat check events.

The General Fund will not be required to contribute to this grant.