

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	23561	Agenda Number	19.
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Meeting Date:	4/25/2013	Department:	Health and Human Services
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Subject

Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$19,010 in grant funds from the DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT, and amending the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Health and Human Services Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20120910-001) to appropriate \$19,010 for the delivery of homeless services.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available from the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). The ESG grant period for these funds is October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2013.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	Approval of Health and Human Services Department Operating Budget on September 10, 2012
For More Information:	Stephanie Hayden, Asst. Director for Community Services, 972-5017; Robert Kingham, Manager, 972-5026, Alma Ruiz, Agenda Coordinator, 972-5010.
Boards and Commission Action:	
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

The Emergency Solutions Grant program is designed to be the first step in a continuum of assistance to help clients quickly regain stability in permanent housing after experiencing a housing crisis including homelessness. The Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act of 2009 (HEARTH Act) consolidated three separate homeless assistance programs administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) into a single grant program, and revised the Emergency Shelter Grants program and renamed it as the Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) program.

On February 27, 2013, the City of Austin received notification from HUD of the availability of additional ESG funds. The grant appropriation in the 2012-2013 budget is \$596,000. The requested increase represents the difference between the grant appropriation of \$596,000 and the total grant award amount of \$615,010.

The City proposes to utilize the ESG funds for the FY12-13 ESG Shelter Maintenance and Operations program at the Austin Resource Center for the Homeless (ARCH). The additional ESG funding must be expended by September 30, 2013.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Performance Measures will be determined as the contract is developed with Contractor.

Related Departmental Goal: Promote a healthy community by addressing the needs of vulnerable households.