

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	43755	Agenda Number	4.
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Meeting Date:	5/7/2015	Department:	Health and Human Services
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Subject

Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$183,906 in grant funds from the Texas Department of State Health Services, and amending the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Health and Human Services Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20140908-001) to appropriate \$183,906 for Ebola preparedness and response.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$183,906 is available from the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS). The grant period is June 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016. A city match is not required.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	On September 9, 2014, Council approved the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Health and Human Services Department Operating Budget, Special Revenue Fund Ordinance No. 20140909-001.
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Additional Backup Information

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention through the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) is providing supplemental funding to support local health department public health preparedness planning and operational readiness for responding to Ebola. This funding provides core critical capacity for epidemiology and public health emergency response activities. The funds will support two temporary positions to develop collaborative plans and procedures and support direct active monitoring of travelers returning from Ebola-impacted countries in West Africa. Funding and Council approval are time sensitive and may potentially affect the program and the community.

This funding is intended to:

- Support accelerated local public health preparedness planning for Ebola Virus Disease (EVD),
- Improve and assure operational readiness for EVD,
- Support local Ebola public health response efforts, and
- Ensure collaboration, coordination, and partnership with the local health care system to assist in the development of a tiered system for EVD patient care.

This amendment will affect the following performance measures:

- The number of cases investigated that result in an intervention strategy
- Number of Emergency Response Plans reviewed annually.

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