

**AGENDA**



**Recommendation for Council Action**

Austin City Council	Item ID	47174	Agenda Number	22.
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Meeting Date:	6/18/2015	Department:	Health and Human Services
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**Subject**

Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$511,833 in grant funds from the TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY and amending the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Health and Human Services Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20140908-001) to appropriate \$511,833 and add three full-time equivalent positions for the whole air monitoring program authorized under the Texas Health and Safety Code.

**Amount and Source of Funding**

Funding in the amount of \$511,833 is available from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. The grant period is September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2016. A City match is not required.

**Fiscal Note**

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing Language:	
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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 Department of Homeland Security through the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality is providing grant funding to the local health department for whole air monitoring. Details of this award are "For Official Use Only" and are Homeland Security sensitive. This funding provides core critical capacity for field operations and public health emergency response activities. Funds will support 3.0 positions for field operations and develop sampling plans and procedures. An existing 0.75 FTE will provide administrative oversight and support of these staff.

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