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## Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	47627	Agenda Number	12.
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Meeting Date:	8/6/2015	Department:	Health and Human Services
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## Subject

Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$8,177 in additional grant funds from the TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES, COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS SECTION and amending the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Health and Human Services Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20140908-001) to appropriate \$8,177 for the Epidemiology and Disease Health Statistics Unit to support public health emergency preparedness activities and conduct public health and emergency response activities within the Austin/Travis County area.

## Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$8,177 is available from the Texas Department of State Health Services, Community Preparedness Section, and Austin, Texas. The grant period is July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. A city match of 10% is 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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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:	
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

## Additional Backup Information

The Texas Department of State Health Services is allocating funds for the continuation of Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) activities defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and categorized to address nine public health preparedness goals with the purpose of doing the following:

1. Increase the use and development of interventions known to prevent human illness from chemical, biological, radiological agents, and naturally occurring health threats.
2. Decrease the time needed to classify health events as terrorism, or as naturally occurring, in partnership with other agencies.
3. Decrease the time needed to detect and report threats to public health from chemical, biological, radiological agents that may be found in in tissue, food, or environmental samples.

4. Improve the timeliness and accuracy of information regarding threats to the public's health as reported by clinicians and through electronic early event detection in real time to those who need to know.
5. Decrease the time needed to identify causes, risk factors, and appropriate interventions for those affected by threats to the public's health.
6. Decrease the time needed to provide countermeasures and health guidance to those affected by threats to the public's health.
7. Decrease the time needed to restore health services and environmental safety to pre-event levels.
8. Increase the long-term follow-up provided to those affected by threats to the public's health.
9. Decrease the time needed to implement recommendations from after-action reports following threats to the public's health.

#### **Performance Measures**

##### Related Department Goal

The purpose of the PHEP grant is to provide local and regional public health and medical response capabilities for all emergencies with public health consequences.

Related Performance Measures include:

- Number of cases investigated by the disease surveillance personnel in the Epidemiology and Health Statistics Unit of the Health and Human Services Department (HHSD).
- Percent of all infectious diseases reported that result in intervention strategies implemented
- Number of City of Austin employees trained to respond in a bioterrorist event
- Number of volunteers trained to respond in a bioterrorism event
- Number of emergency bioterrorism drills conducted
- Number of non-investigated case reports
- Percent of all foodborne illness investigations initiated within three hours from notification
- HHSD staff (current and new) trained on City of Austin Public Health Preparedness Medication Distribution Plan

##### Outputs/Outcomes

Improve public health emergency preparedness planning and response in Austin/Travis County by maintaining funds for 7.75 FTEs to assist with grants management, preparedness planning and response and training activities, purchase of upgraded computer equipment, and training and travel funds for the public health response team.

##### Activity

Increase the preparedness capacity through the addition of staff, purchase of equipment, and training of public health workforce that respond in a public health emergency.

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