

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	60815	Agenda Number	13.
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Meeting Date:	8/4/2016	Department:	Health and Human Services
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Subject

Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$690,354 in grant funds from the Texas Department of State Health Services, Community Preparedness Section, Austin, Texas, and amending the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Health and Human Services Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20150908-001) to appropriate \$690,354; and authorize negotiation and execution of an amendment to a public health emergency preparedness contract extending the term through June 30, 2017.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$690,354 is available from the Texas Department of State Health Services, Community Preparedness Section. The grant period is July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	On September 10, 2015, Council approved Ordinance No. 20150908-001 adopting the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Operating Budget.
For More Information:	Shannon Jones, Director, Health and Human Services Department, 972-5010; Dr. Phillip Huang, Medical Director, 972-5408; Janet Pichette, Chief Epidemiologist, Epidemiology and Health Statistics Unit, 972-5486; Estella Kirscht, Agenda Coordinator, 972-5039.
Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:	
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), Community Preparedness Section, is allocating \$690,354 in 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:

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

The funding will be used for a new amendment contract term of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017.

Performance Measures:

- Number of cases investigated by the Disease Surveillance team
- Percent of all infectious diseases reported that result in the implementation of intervention strategies
- Number of emergency bioterrorism drills conducted
- Number of emergency preparedness plans reviewed
- Percent of all foodborne illness investigations initiated within three hours from notification

Related Business Plan Goals:

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.

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.