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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	61092	Agenda Number	14.
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Meeting Date:	8/4/2016	Department:	Management Services
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Subject

Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$75,000 in grant funds from Living Cities; and amending the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Management Services Department Special Revenue Grant Fund (Ordinance No. 20150908-001) to appropriate these funds to help the City develop and implement an equity action plan.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$75,000 is available from Living Cities.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	
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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:	
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Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

Earlier this year, the City of Austin was awarded a \$75,000 grant from Living Cities, a national foundation that partners with municipalities across the country to help solve urban issues.

Austin was selected as one of the five cohort cities (including Albuquerque, Grand Rapids, Louisville and Philadelphia) that will work with Living Cities over the course of the next two years to develop equity plans within each respective organization.

The City applied for this grant with the expectation that the technical assistance provided by Living Cities would be a valuable benefit to the new Equity Office, in addition to the Chief Equity Officer that the City hopes to hire in the coming weeks. All four cities mentioned above are in the early developmental stages of their equity offices.