



Recommendation for Action

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Posting Language

Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Austin Public Health Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20190910-001) to accept and appropriate \$518,617 in grant funds from the Texas Department of State Health Services to support the Coronavirus 2019 epidemiology response.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$518,617 is available from the Texas Department of State Health Services. The grant period is August 1, 2020 through April 30, 2022. A City funding match is not required. A fiscal note is attached.

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Additional Backup Information:

The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), Community Preparedness Section, is allocating \$518,617 in grant funds to perform required and allowable epidemiology and disease surveillance activities in support of the Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) response. Required activities of the cooperative agreement include:

- A. Establish or enhance ability to aggressively identify cases, conduct contact tracing and follow-up, as well as implement recommended containment measures.
- B. Improve morbidity and mortality surveillance.
- C. Enhance laboratory testing and reporting capacity.
- D. Prevent and control COVID-19 in healthcare settings and protect other vulnerable or high-risk populations.
- E. Monitor and mitigate COVID-19 introductions from connected jurisdictions (i.e., neighboring cities and states; including air travel).
- F. Work with healthcare system to manage and monitor system capacity.
- G. Improve understanding of jurisdictional communities with respect to COVID-19-risk.

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

Strategic Outcome(s):

Health and Environment.