



Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-2816, **Agenda Item #:** 18.

8/27/2020

Posting Language

Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Emergency Medical Services Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20190910-001) to accept and appropriate an additional \$51,276 in grant funds from the Texas Department of State Health Services through the Capital Area Trauma Regional Advisory Council for the purchase of medically related equipment or training.

Lead Department

Emergency Medical Services.

Fiscal Note

Funding is available from the Texas Department of State Health Services. The grant period is July 1, 2020 through June 15, 2021. A City funding match is not required. A fiscal note is attached.

Prior Council Action:

September 10, 2019 - City Council's approval of the Emergency Medical Services Department Operating Budget.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

This grant funding is received from the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), and is based upon a percentage of the population, Emergency Medical Services call volume, and the amount of funding allotted to each region within DSHS. Each County within the region receives an allocation and that in turn is divided by each pre-hospital provider in the County. It is a variable amount until the funding is received and divided, and then disbursed to the agencies. The funding must be used for the purchase of medically related equipment or training and must be expended within the dates specified.

The contract and grant award is from DSHS and Capital Area Trauma Regional Advisory Council (CATRAC). CATRAC is the pass-through organization and makes the disbursements to the qualifying agencies. CATRAC is also responsible for ensuring proper administration of the grant.

The current approved grant appropriation in the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 budget is \$45,000. The requested increase of \$51,276 represents an additional grant award through CATRAC to align grant award years across DSHS, CATRAC, and the receiving agencies. The total grant amount awarded in Fiscal Year 2019-2020 is \$96,276 (\$45,000 + \$51,276).

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

Strategic Outcome(s):

Safety.