



Recommendation for Action

File #: 22-2862, **Agenda Item #:** 4.

9/15/2022

Posting Language

Approve an ordinance accepting grant funds from the Texas Department of Emergency Management; and amending the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20210811-001) in the amount of \$2,272,255 for the following departments: Austin Public Health, Austin Public Library, Communication and Technology Management, Emergency Medical Services, Fire, Management Services, Police, and Public Works.

Lead Department

Financial Services Department.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$2,272,255 is available from the Federal Emergency Management Agency via the Texas Department of Emergency Management. A fiscal note is attached.

Prior Council Action:

June 10, 2021 - Council approved Ordinance No. 20210610-079 regarding Coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccination distribution costs on consent on an 11-0 vote.

June 9, 2022 - Council approved Ordinance No. 20220609-121 regarding COVID-19 vaccination distribution costs on consent on an 11-0 vote.

June 16, 2022 - Council approved Ordinance No. 20220616-040 regarding COVID-19 lab diagnostics on consent on an 11-0 vote.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

On March 6, 2020, a Declaration of Local Disaster was issued by Mayor Adler to have the City take measures to avoid the spread of COVID-19 across the City and County. On March 13, 2020, Governor Abbott issued a Declaration of State of Disaster to take additional steps to prepare for, respond to, and mitigate the spread of COVID-19. The COVID-19 response is ongoing.

Between March 18, 2020 and September 30, 2020, the City provided medically necessary testing for COVID-19 to the 1,300,000 citizens of the Austin Metropolitan Statistical Area at six static community-based testing sites (CBTS) and via the mobile testing program to reach vulnerable and/or high-risk populations without the ability to travel to a CBTS. Acceptance of these federal public assistance grant funds will reimburse the City for operating expenditures related to the provision of COVID-19 testing in the community.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Safety.