



Recommendation for Action

File #: 23-2069, **Agenda Item #:** 12.

6/1/2023

Posting Language

Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 General Fund Emergency Reserve Fund (Ordinance 20220817-004) to increase transfers out by \$15,363,750 to the Austin Resource Recovery Fund; and amending the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Austin Resource Recovery Fund (Ordinance 20220817-004) to transfer in \$15,363,750 from the General Fund Emergency Reserve Fund and increase appropriations by \$20,485,000 to support expenditures related to Winter Storm Mara.

Lead Department

Financial Services.

Fiscal Note

Fiscal notes are attached.

Prior Council Action:

March 23, 2023 - Council approved Resolution No. 20230323-036 extending the Declaration of Local State of Disaster declared on February 4, 2023.

February 9, 2023 - Council approved Resolution No. 20230209-079 extending the Declaration of Local State of Disaster declared on February 4, 2023.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

During the week of January 30, 2023, the Austin area experienced an arctic air outbreak, Winter Storm Mara, that caused freezing temperatures and significant ice accumulation prompting a Declaration of Local State of Disaster. The City utilized existing department contracts for disaster debris removal and disaster debris monitoring to support recovery efforts. Clean up efforts involved utilizing approximately 70 crews a day collecting debris seven days a week. The City has collected an unprecedented amounts of storm debris due to Winter Storm Mara. Austin Resource Recovery's contractors collected over 1 million cubic yards in less than 30 days following mobilization.

Based on the latest projections the Austin Resource Recovery department projects \$20,485,000 in FEMA-winter storm related expenses. Costs for these services will exceed Austin Resource Recovery's Fiscal Year 2022-2023 adopted budget. This action will authorize additional appropriation for the department to continue operating.

The City is pursuing FEMA reimbursement for eligible expenses. Reimbursement is projected to be 75% of eligible Mara-related expenses, or \$15,363,750. FEMA reimbursements for these expenses will be booked to the General Fund Emergency Reserve when they are ultimately received.

