

OPERATING BUDGET FISCAL NOTE

CONTACT DEPARTMENT(S):

Financial Services Department

FUND:

Special Revenue

SUBJECT: Approve an ordinance accepting Federal Emergency Management Agency Public Assistance grant funds from the Texas Department of Emergency Management; and amending the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20220817-004) to appropriate funding in the amount of \$297,110 for the following departments: Development Services Department, Building Services Department, Austin Fire Department, and the Austin Police Department for COVID-19 disaster response expenditure reimbursement.

CURRENT YEAR IMPACT:

	2022-23 Approved	This Action	2022-23 Amended
Grant: FEMA Public Assistance Grant			
List of Departments			
Development Services	0	15,308	15,308
Building Services	0	328	328
Fire	0	38,429	38,429
Police	0	243,045	243,045
	0	297,110	297,110

ANALYSIS / ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: On March 6, 2020, a Declaration of Local Disaster was issued by Mayor Adler putting into motion measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19. 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. COVID-19 created an immediate threat to the health and safety of the general public requiring emergency response and protective measures. City of Austin provided "force account labor" jurisdiction-wide to help assist and aid the response to the threat of COVID-19. This grant is a FEMA Public Assistance grant award which reimburses City departments for expenses incurred for carrying out COVID-19 public health responses from March 1, 2020 to November 21, 2020. The General Fund will not be required to contribute additional funds beyond those currently budgeted to this grant. When the grant funds expire, the departments' need for continuing funding will be evaluated and may be denied.