

OPERATING BUDGET FISCAL NOTE

DATE OF COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

4/18/24

CONTACT DEPARTMENT(S):

Austin Resource Recovery

FUND:

Special Revenue

SUBJECT: Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$28,334 from Federal Emergency Management Public Assistance grant funds from the Texas Department of Emergency Management and amending the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20230816-008).

CURRENT YEAR IMPACT:

	2023-2024 Approved	This Action	2023-2024 Amended
Special Revenue Fund			
FEMA Public Assistance Grant	0	28,334	28,334
Total	0	28,334	28,334
FTEs	0.00	0.00	0.00

FIVE-YEAR IMPACT:

	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
Total Revenue	28,334	0	0	0	0
Total Expenditures	28,334	0	0	0	0
Net Impact	0	0	0	0	0

ANALYSIS / ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: On January 31, 2023, through February 3, 2023, an ice storm covered the City, bringing freezing temperatures, sleet, and icy conditions. The unprecedented ice accumulation resulted in road closures, extensive tree damage, broken power poles, and widespread power outages. The weather system was named Winter Storm Mara. On February 3, 2023, Mayor Kirk Watson and Travis County Judge Andy Brown signed local disaster declarations. On April 22, 2023, President Joe Biden partially approved the request from the State of Texas for a Major Disaster Declaration for Texas counties impacted by the effects of ice conditions and winter weather.

The City responded to Winter Storm Mara by providing various emergency services for residents including the pickup and disposal of unprecedented quantities of storm debris, primarily downed trees and broken limbs and branches.

The City utilized force account labor, materials, equipment, rented equipment, and contracts to help assist and aid with this disaster. FEMA Public Assistance grant awards reimburse the City for expenses incurred from the Winter Storm Mara response.

Austin Resource Recovery will not be required to contribute additional funds beyond those currently expended on this grant.