



# City of Austin

## Recommendation for Action

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**File #:** 24-4344, **Agenda Item #:** 33.

4/18/2024

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### **Posting Language**

Approve an ordinance accepting Federal Emergency Management Agency 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) to appropriate funding in the amount of \$90,123 for Winter Storm Uri expenses.

### **Lead Department**

Homeland Security and Emergency Management.

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$90,123 is available from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) via the Texas Department of Emergency Management. A local funding match is not required. A fiscal note is attached.

### **Prior Council Action:**

Aoife Longmore, Deputy Officer, HSEM, 512-974-0468; Heidi Cruz, Financial Manager, HSEM, 512-974-0462.

### **Additional Backup Information:**

Winter Storm Uri occurred between February 11, 2021, and February 21, 2021. The freezing temperatures caused widespread damage across the city and immediately threatened the life and safety of the general public, requiring emergency response and protective measures. The City utilized force account labor, materials, equipment, rented equipment, and contracts to help assist and aid with the threat of the disaster. FEMA Public Assistance grant awards reimburse city departments for expenses incurred in carrying out the emergency response.

FEMA Project Worksheet #825 City of Austin Management Costs Project is awarded \$90,123.

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