



City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 24-4491, **Agenda Item #:** 54.

5/2/2024

Posting Language

Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Austin Public Health Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20230816-008) to accept and appropriate \$1,242,619 in Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Center for Forecasting and Outbreak Analytics grant funds from the University of Texas for the establishment of the nation's first national network for outbreak response and disease forecasting.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$1,242,619 is available from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the University of Texas. A City funding match is not required. A fiscal note is attached.

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Additional Backup Information:

Austin Public Health (APH) is a sub awardee for the primary grantee, the University of Texas, of a grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Center for Forecasting and Outbreak Analytics, which will be used by APH to support a newly established Pandemic Preparedness Center (Center) at the University of Texas. The Center will be part of an outbreak response network that uses data to support decision-makers during public health emergencies collected using new analytical tools, methods, platforms, and modeling efforts. The grant funds will be used to support 1.0 existing full-time equivalent grant funded position at APH, departmental services, and the subject matter expertise of APH and the Emergency Medical Services Department.

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