

OPERATING BUDGET FISCAL NOTE

DATE OF COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

3/26/26

CONTACT DEPARTMENT(S):

Austin Emergency Management

FUND:

Special Revenue

SUBJECT: Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20250813-005) to accept and appropriate Federal Emergency Management Agency Public Assistance grant funds from the Texas Department of Emergency Management in the amounts of \$6,352 for COVID-19 expenses and \$385,361 for flood expenses related to the 2015 Halloween Flood.

CURRENT YEAR IMPACT:

	2025-26 Approved	This Action	2025-26 Amended
Special Revenue Fund			
Texas Department of Emergency Management Grant	0	391,713	391,713
Total	0	391,713	391,713
FTEs	0.00	0.00	0.00

FIVE-YEAR IMPACT:

	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030
Total Revenue	391,713	0	0	0	0
Total Expenditures	391,713	0	0	0	0
Net Impact	0	0	0	0	0

ANALYSIS / ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

DR-4245 2015 Floods

The 2015 Halloween Flood was a Presidentially Declared Disaster affecting the City and Travis County that began during the pre-dawn hours of October 30, 2015. The resulting response led to a full activation of the Austin/Travis County Emergency Operations Center, Shelter, a Flood Assistance Center, and a Volunteer Resource Center. Public Assistance enabled the City to work with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to obtain funding to bring City-owned and maintained facilities and infrastructure back to pre-disaster conditions.

DR-4485 COVID

On March 6, 2020, a Declaration of Local Disaster was issued by Mayor Adler to have the city take measures to avoid the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) across the City and County. On March 13, 2020, Governor Abbott issued a Declaration of State of Disaster to take additional steps to respond to the spread of COVID-19. FEMA Public Assistance grant awards reimburse City departments for expenses incurred for carrying out COVID-19 public health responses from January 20, 2020, to May 11, 2023.

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.