



City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 26-2030, Agenda Item #: 8.

7/23/2026

Posting Language

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 amount of \$26,365,665 for COVID-19 expenses. Funding: \$26,365,665 is available from the Federal Emergency Management Agency through the Texas Department of Emergency Management. A City funding match is not required.

Lead Department

Austin Emergency Management

Fiscal Note

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Additional Backup Information:

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 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.

The city utilized force account labor, materials, equipment, rented equipment, and contracts to help assist and aid with the threat of these disasters. 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.

Project	FEMA Reimbursement	City Match	Total Project Value
DR-4485 PW965	\$9,459,124	\$0	\$9,459,124
DR-4485 PW562	\$8,361,005	\$0	\$8,361,005
DR-4485 PW1624	\$5,603,110	\$0	\$5,603,110
DR-4485 PW1829	\$2,942,426	\$0	\$2,942,426

Total	\$26,365,665	\$0	\$26,365,665
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