



Recommendation for Action

File #: 23-3557, **Agenda Item #:** 39.

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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 \$12,478,487 for COVID-19 expenses.

Lead Department

Homeland Security and Emergency Management.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$12,478,487 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.

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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 COVID-19. This grant is a FEMA Public Assistance grant award which reimburses City departments for expenses incurred for carrying out COVID-19 public health responses from January 20, 2020, to May 11, 2023.

FEMA Project Worksheet #1130 COVID-19 Specialized Emergency Medical Care is award \$1,434,758. FEMA Project Worksheet #965 Non-Congregate Sheltering Isolation Facilities is awarded \$11,043,729.

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.