



# City of Austin

## Recommendation for Action

**File #:** 25-1043, **Agenda Item #:** 69.

6/5/2025

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### **Posting Language**

Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Austin Public Health Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20240814-007) to accept and appropriate \$51,500 in additional grant funds from the National Environmental Health Association and U.S. Food and Drug Administration Retail Flexible Funding Model Grant Program. Funding: \$51,500 is available from the National Environmental Health Association U.S. Food and Drug Administration for the Retail Flexible Funding Model Grant Program. A City funding match is not required.

### **Lead Department**

Austin Public Health.

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$51,500 is available from the National Environmental Health Association U.S. Food and Drug Administration. A City funding match is not required. A fiscal note is attached.

### **Prior Council Action:**

February 9, 2023 - Council approved Ordinance No. 20230209-034 amending the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Austin Public Health Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20220817-004) to accept and appropriate \$26,000 in grant funds from the National Environmental Health Association and U.S. Food and Drug Administration for the Retail Flexible Funding Model Grant Program. Item was approved on consent.

February 29, 2024 - Council approved Ordinance No. 20240229-053 amending the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Austin Public Health Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20230816-008) to accept and appropriate \$31,500 in additional grant funds from the National Environmental Health Association and U.S. Food and Drug Administration for the Retail Flexible Funding Model Grant Program. Ordinance was approved on consent on a 11-0 vote.

### **For More Information:**

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### **Additional Backup Information:**

Austin Public Health (APH) has been awarded the Retail Flexible Funding Model Grant from the National Environmental Health Association and U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). This project will enable work on Retail Program Standards one through eight, to work towards meeting Retail Program Standard nine, and provide funding for staff training.

Project Summary: APH is working diligently to conform with Retail Program Standards by adjusting our policies, processes, and documentation. APH will continue implementation of a risk factor study to allow us to explore and identify any common foodborne illness risk factor violations within our retail food establishments and strategize intervention to reduce them. APH is building in long-term success of our Retail Program

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Standards program by attending the Association of Food and Drug Officials Conference. Note: The reason for the reduced funding amount is a result of an overall funding reduction to the NEHA-FDA RFFM Grant Program for Calendar Year 2025. The grant period is from April 1, 2025, through March 31, 2028.