



City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 25-1293, Agenda Item #: 98.

7/24/2025

Posting Language

Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20240814-007) to accept and appropriate \$1,690,849 of Federal Emergency Management Agency Public Assistance grant funds from the Texas Department of Emergency Management for Winter Storm Mara expenses. Funding: \$1,690,849 is available from the Federal Emergency Management Agency via the Texas Department of Emergency Management. A City match of \$563,616 is required for the Winter Storm Mara award and was provided by the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 operating budgets of various departments.

Lead Department

Homeland Security and Emergency Management.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$1,690,849 is available from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) via the Texas Department of Emergency Management. A City match of \$563,616 is required for the Winter Storm Mara award and was provided by the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 operating budgets of various departments. A fiscal note is attached.

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Additional Backup Information:

Winter Storm Mara occurred between January 30 and February 2, 2023. The freezing temperatures and ice accumulation caused widespread damage across the City and immediately threatened the lives and safety of the general public. On February 3, 2023, Mayor Watson and Travis County Judge Brown issued local disaster declarations. On April 22, 2023, President Biden issued a major disaster declaration for the counties affected by the severe winter storm.

The City utilized force account labor, materials, equipment, rented equipment, and contracts to help assist and aid with the threat of the storm. The FEMA Public Assistance grant awards will reimburse City departments for expenses incurred in carrying out Winter Storm Mara emergency response and repairs from January 30, 2023, to October 21, 2024.

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
WS Mara PW 200	\$1,690,849	\$563,616	\$2,254,465
Total	\$1,690,849	\$563,616	\$2,254,465

