

OPERATING BUDGET FISCAL NOTE

DATE OF COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

7/23/26

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 amount of \$26,365,665 for COVID-19 expenses.

CURRENT YEAR IMPACT:

	2025-26 Approved	This Action	2025-26 Amended
Special Revenue Fund			
Texas Department of Emergency Management Grant			
	391,713	26,365,665	26,757,378
Total	391,713	26,365,665	26,757,378
FTEs	0.00	0.00	0.00

FIVE-YEAR IMPACT:

	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030
Total Revenue	26,757,378	0	0	0	0
Total Expenditures	26,757,378	0	0	0	0
Net Impact	0	0	0	0	0

ANALYSIS / ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

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 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