



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting June 11, 2019
Second Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting June 18, 2019

DATE: May 10, 2019

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Acceptance of the Texas Epidemiology Capacity Expansion Grant in the amount of \$204,855.00, and appropriation of the funds for the contract period September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2021.
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CAPTION:

Ordinance authorizing the acceptance and appropriation of a grant contract for the Texas Epidemiology Capacity Expansion Grant in the amount of \$204,855.00, from the Texas Department of State Health Services in the Health Grants Fund, to perform surveillance and epidemiology activities for infectious diseases September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2021.

PURPOSE:

To perform surveillance and epidemiology activities for all notifiable conditions as required by the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS); hire and assign an Epidemiologist funded by this contract to be responsible for all notifiable conditions and assigning certain conditions for infectious disease preparedness and outbreak response activities and investigations; provide surge capacity to surrounding jurisdictions in the event of a major statewide outbreak of disease or disaster.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

An Epidemiologist is needed to achieve the Health District mission of preventing and investigating communicable diseases, this grant allows us to perform surveillance and epidemiology activities for all notifiable conditions as required by the Texas Department of State Health Services; hire and assign an Epidemiologist funded by this contract to be responsible for all notifiable conditions and assigning certain conditions for infectious disease preparedness and outbreak response activities and investigations; and provide surge capacity to surrounding jurisdictions in the event of a major statewide outbreak of disease or disaster;

ALTERNATIVES:

Refuse the grant and not provide epidemiological activities in the community.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

None

CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:

Council approval required for acceptance of grant and appropriation of grant funds.

EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY:

Non-Emergency. This item requires two readings.

DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:

Legal Department

Finance - Federal Grants and Office of Management and Budget.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

X Operating

X Revenue

☐ Capital

☐ Not applicable

Fiscal Year: 2019-2021	Current Year	Future Years	TOTALS
Line Item Budget			
Encumbered / Expended Amount			
This item	\$204,855		\$204,855
BALANCE	\$204,855		\$204,855

COMMENTS:

No fiscal impact to general fund. The grant does not require a cash or in-kind match by the City.

Funding Detail:

Fund: 1066 Health Grants paid by Department of State Health Services

Organization/Activity: 830973S

Mission Element: 103 Disease Prevention

Project # (CIP Only):

Account:

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the Ordinance.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Contract No. HHS000436300009

Ordinance