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**Austin Energy
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

ITEM No 2

Subject Authorize negotiation and execution of an Interlocal Agreement with the State of Texas Energy Conservation Office (SECO) for grant funding in the amount of \$10,000 to extend the City's involvement in the Clean Cities program with funding from February 1, 2007 to August 31, 2007

Amount and Source of Funding Grant funding is available from the State of Texas Energy Conservation Office No match is required

Fiscal Note There is no unanticipated fiscal impact A fiscal note is not required

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Boards and Commission Action Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission (Related to item #3)

Prior Council Action 4/14/94 – Resolution established City of Austin as a member of a regional Clean Cities program, 2/15/01 – Accepted \$50,000 grant to establish the Central Texas Clean Cities Program, 7/11/02 – Accepted \$25,000 grant, 01/30/03 – Accepted \$25,000 grant, 07/31/03 – Accepted \$40,000 grant, 11/04/04 – Accepted \$17,500 grant, 4/28/05 – Accepted \$20,000 grant, 01/12/06 – Accepted \$23,500 grant

**Additional Backup
Material**

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No Attachments Available

The U S Department of Energy (DOE) created the Clean Cities program in an effort to create local public/private partnerships to promote the use and purchase of alternative fuels by increasing public awareness At the request of the DOE and the State of Texas Energy Conservation Office (SECO), the City of Austin is the administrator and fiduciary agent for the Central Texas Clean Cities Program

In addition to increasing public awareness, the City is responsible for recruiting stakeholders for the Central Texas Clean Cities Coalition from the federal government, local governments and the private sector The United States has 90 Clean Cities coalitions, six of which are in Texas The Central Texas Clean Cities (CTCC) coalition includes Bastrop, Caldwell, Hays, Travis, and Williamson Counties and Ft Hood in Killeen Texas

This grant will be used to continue funding for one full-time Conservation Program Specialist at Austin Energy to coordinate the program The grant period will be from February 1, 2007 to August 31, 2007 The Conservation Program Specialist will coordinate the CTCC coalition's regularly held informational meetings, events and gatherings In addition, the specialist/coordinator will facilitate the mission of the CTCC, which includes Creating new jobs and commercial opportunities Facilitating alternative fuel vehicle production and conversion Expanding local alternative fuel infrastructure Increasing the use of alternative fuels Developing a "clean corridor" (I35 for central Texas) Increasing public awareness Advancing clean air objectives Supporting regulated fleets

Approval of this Interlocal does not obligate or prohibit the City from funding the program in future years