

## AGENDA



Thursday, May 3, 2007

**Austin Energy  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 3**

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**Subject:** Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$15,000 in grant funds from the United States Department of Energy through the State of Texas Energy Conservation Office; and amending the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Austin Energy Operating Budget of Ordinance No. 20060911-001 to appropriate \$15,000 for the purpose of continuing the Clean Cities Program for the grant period of May 1, 2007, through August 31, 2008.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding in the amount of \$15,000 in grant funds is available from the State of Texas Energy Conservation Office. No match is required.

**Fiscal Note:** Fiscal note is attached.

**For More Information:** Ester Matthews, Director, Austin Climate Protection Plan / 322-6041; Fred Blood, Sustainability Officer / 482-5340

**Boards and Commission Action:** Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission.

**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; 02/01/07 – Council approved \$10,000 grant, but SECO suspended action and replaced with this new Interlocal / grant.

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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 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 coalition includes Bastrop, Caldwell, Hays, Travis, and Williamson Counties, and Ft. Hood in Killeen Texas.

This grant will fund continuance of the Clean Cities program. Approval of this budget amendment does not obligate or prohibit the City from funding the program in future years.