

AGENDA



Thursday, June 5, 2008

**Austin Energy
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

Item No. 3

Subject: Approve an ordinance amending ordinance 20070910-003, the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Operating Budget of Austin Energy, by accepting and appropriating \$66,000 in funds contributed by other participants in the Central Texas Clean Cities program toward administration of the program.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available from Central Texas Clean Cities participants.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

For More Information: Fred Blood, Air Quality Program Manager, 482-5340.

Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission

Prior Council Action: April 14, 1994 – Approved resolution establishing the City of Austin (COA) as a member of a regional Clean Cities Program; May 9, 1996 – Accepted \$30,000 grant from Texas Alternative Fuels Council; September 30, 1998 – Accepted \$30,000 grant from SECO; approved contract with Clean Air Force of Central Texas to conduct the Program; February 15, 2001 – Accepted \$50,000 grant from SECO; approved interlocal agreement with SECO allowing COA to act as fiduciary agent for Central Texas Clean Cities (CTCC) Program; July 11, 2002 – Accepted \$25,000 grant from SECO; approved interlocal agreement to continue COA involvement with CTCC; August 22, 2002 – Accepted \$30,000 in pass-through grants from DOE and approved appropriation of \$30,000 in rebates for CTCC program stakeholders purchasing alternative fuel vehicles; approved interlocal agreement with SECO to administer rebates; September 26, 2002 – Approved \$6,000 grant from DOE for "Advancing the Choice" events; approved appropriation of \$14,000 in program income donated by CTCC participants; January 30, 2003 – Approved \$25,000 grant from DOE through SECO; approved appropriation of \$10,000 in program income donated by CTCC participants; approved interlocal agreement with SECO to continue City's involvement in CTCC; July 31, 2003 – Approved \$40,000 grant from SECO; approved interlocal agreement with SECO to extend COA involvement in CTCC; November 4, 2004 – Approved \$17,500 grant from DOE through SECO; authorized appropriation of \$20,000 in program income donated by CTCC participants; approved interlocal agreement with SECO to continue COA involvement; April 28, 2005 – Approved \$20,000 grant from DOE; approved interlocal agreement with SECO to administer the Clean Cities Coordinator Program; January 12, 2006 – Approved \$23,500 grant from DOE; approved interlocal agreement with SECO to extend involvement in CTCC; February 1, 2007 - Approved \$10,000 grant from DOE; approved interlocal agreement with SECO to extend the involvement in CTCC; May 3, 2007 – Approved \$15,000 grant from DOE; approved interlocal agreement with SECO to extend City's involvement in CTCC; December 13, 2007 – Approved appropriation of \$40,000 in program income donated by CTCC participants; March 6, 2008 – Approved \$12,500 grant from DOE through Energy Research and Development Solutions, LLC; approved appropriation of \$12,500 to continue City involvement in CTCC.

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 program income will be used to continue to fund the Clean Cities program.