

AGENDA



Thursday, July 23, 2009

**Austin Energy
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**
Item No. 4

Subject: Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$7,500 in grant funds from Research and Development Solutions, LLC, Morgantown, WV, and amending the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Austin Energy Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 20080908-002 to appropriate \$7,500 for programmatic support of the Central Texas Clean Cities Program.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available from Research and Development Solutions, LLC.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

For More Information: Ester Matthews, Austin Climate Protection Program Director, 322-6041; Stacy Neef, Central Texas Clean Cities Coordinator, 482-5343.

Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by the Resource Management Commission.

Prior Council Action: Apr. 14, 1994 – Approved resolution establishing COA as a member of a regional Clean Cities Program; Sept. 30, 1994 – Accepted \$30,000 grant from SECO; approved contract with Clean Air Force to conduct the Program; Feb. 15, 2001 – Accepted \$50,000 grant from SECO and approved interlocal agreement allowing COA to act as fiduciary agent for CTCC; July 11, 2002 – Accepted \$25,000 grant from SECO to continue program; Jan. 30, 2003 – Approved interlocal agreement with SECO to continue program; July 31, 2003 – Approved \$40,000 grant from SECO to continue program; Nov. 4, 2004 – Approved interlocal agreement with SECO to continue program; Apr. 28, 2005 – Approved \$20,000 grant from DOE; approved interlocal agreement with SECO to administer the Clean Cities Coordinator Program; Jan. 12, 2006 – Approved \$23,500 grant from DOE; approved interlocal agreement with SECO to continue program; Feb. 1, 2007 – Approved \$10,000 grant from DOE; approved interlocal agreement with SECO to continue program; May 3, 2007 – Approved \$15,000 grant from DOE; approved interlocal agreement with SECO to continue program; March 6, 2008 – Approved \$12,500 grant from DOE through Research and Development Solutions to continue program; Sept. 25, 2008 - Approved \$12,500 grant from DOE through RDS to continue program.

This proposed grant from Research and Development Solutions will be used for administration of the City of Austin's Central Texas Clean Cities (CTCC) Program. 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. The City of Austin/Austin Energy is the administrator and fiduciary agent for the CTCC Program.

The U.S. has 90 Clean Cities coalitions, six of which are in Texas. The CTCC coalition includes Travis, Bastrop, Caldwell, Hays, and Williamson Counties and Fort Hood in Killeen.

The proposed grant funds will be used to enhance the CTCC web site at www.ci.austin.tx.us/cleancities and for the development of the CTCC quarterly eNewsletter. It will also be used to purchase equipment

necessary for the successful operations of the program, including a high resolution digital camera and a table-top exhibit display for educational events, conferences and workshops. Funds will also be used for printing promotional and educational materials, and workshop and conference development and implementation.

Research and Development Solutions, LLC (RDS) is the contractor for DOE's National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL), responsible for dispersing funds to qualifying Clean Cities Coalitions and Programs for operational activities and expenses. CTCC is a qualifying program to receive funding. NETL is owned and operated by the DOE. NETL implements research, development, and demonstration programs to resolve the environmental, supply, and reliability constraints of producing and using fossil resources. NETL devotes the majority of its funding to R&D partnerships with industry, university, and other government entities. NETL is supported by eight major support contracts including RDS.