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RCA	Austin City Council	Item ID	6396
Meeting Date:	5/26/2011	Department:	Austin Water Utility

Subject

Approve a Resolution authorizing the application for State and Tribal Assistance Grant funds in the amount of \$485,000, from the United States Environmental Protection Agency for activities associated with the mitigation of Sanitary Sewer Overflows.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$485,000 is available from the U. S. EPA. A 45% local match requirement of \$397,000 will be provided through Austin Water Utility authorized Capital Improvement Program expenditures associated with corrective actions for SSOs.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	June 10, 2004 - Council approved original grant amount, Phase I grant in the amount of \$2,073,200; June 21, 2007 – Council approved Phases II and III of the original grant in the amount of \$959,000; August 20, 2009 - Council approved a subsequent grant amount of \$577,000. As part of the Capital Improvement Program annual budgets, City Council authorized funding for the SSO correction projects which were partially funded by the original grant amounts.
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Boards and Commission Action:	Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission.
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

The Austin Water Utility (AWU), through the City's Government Relations Office, has aggressively pursued federal funding to support the effort associated with the elimination of Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSOs) within the City's wastewater collection system.

As part of the original grant, the United States Congress approved direct appropriations to the City of Austin in the amount of \$3,150,000 during the periods of 2004 to 2007 from the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (U.S. EPA) State and Tribal Assistance Grant account to support activities associated with the mitigation of SSOs. U.S. EPA awarded the money to the City of Austin for the work that was performed and closed the original grant.

Congress approved direct appropriations to the City of Austin in the amounts of \$600,000 (\$300,000 for 2008 and \$300,000 for 2009) from the U.S. EPA's State and Tribal Assistance Grant account. In addition, Congress approved direct appropriation to the City of Austin in the amount of \$500,000 during the 2010 fiscal year. U.S. EPA intends to initiate a new grant award for funds approved in 2008 through 2010 and has requested that the City submit an application and supporting documentation to receive the funding.

A portion of the grant amount is set aside from each authorized appropriation to be used by the U.S. EPA to fund the cost of grant management and for recision requirements. U.S. EPA will deduct from the grant amount to cover those costs and will pay the remaining amount as the City completes the wastewater rehabilitation projects and fulfills the grant requirements. The grant amount estimated to be paid to the City is \$286,000 (2008 appropriation), \$291,000 (2009 appropriation), and \$485,000 (2010 appropriation) for a total of \$1,062,000.

In total, AWU will expend matching funds of 45% or \$867,000 in accordance with the requirements of the grant. Funds are allocated in the AWU approved spending plan.

Grant funding along with the matching funds are to be used to rehabilitate deteriorated wastewater piping. An Indefinite Delivery Quantity (IDIQ) services contract to perform trenchless "Cured in Place Pipeline" (CIPP) rehabilitation will be advertised and awarded by the City of Austin Contracts Management Department through competitive bidding. A separate Council action will be recommended to authorize the IDIQ services contract. This contract will be advertised and awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9A of the City Code (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) by meeting the goals to be established by the Department of Small and Minority Business Resources.

This action authorizes the City Manager, or his designee to submit the applications along with all required supporting documentation to the U.S. EPA on behalf of the City.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT OF THE GRANT: There will be no sustainability impact of the grant. The grant will be used in FY 2012 to supplement planned wastewater rehabilitation projects. When the grant funds are expended, AWU will continue to perform wastewater pipeline rehabilitation using an existing 3-year contract and approved funding.