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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council		Item ID	12148	Agenda Number	6.
Meeting Date:	1/12/2012		Department:	Austin Energy	
Subject					
Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$900,000 in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) grant funds from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) through the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) as the administering agency, and amending the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Austin Energy Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 20110912-005 to appropriate \$900,000 for weatherization of homes for low-income, elderly, and disabled customers within Austin Energy's service area. Related to Items 56 and 57.					
Amount and Source of Funding					
Funding is available from the Department of Energy (DOE) through the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) as a result of the ARRA of 2009 for the grant period of September 1, 2009 to March 31, 2012. No match is required.					
Fiscal Note					
A fiscal note is attached.					
Purchasing Language:					
Prior Council Action:	November 19, 2009 – Approved acceptance of \$2.9 million grant from DOE and an interlocal agreement with Travis County; April 8, 2010 – Approved contracts to complete weatherization services; September 13, 2010 – Approved Austin Energy's Operating Budget including \$2.983 million in additional grant funds from DOE; January 13, 2011 – Approved acceptance of an additional \$86,774 grant from DOE; April 07, 2011 - Approved acceptance of \$2.1 million from DOE; December 8, 2011 - Approved acceptance of \$200,000 from DOE.				
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Boards and Commission Action:					
MBE / WBE:					
Related Items:					
Additional Backup Information					

On December 28, 2011, the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) offered the City of Austin/Austin Energy an additional \$900,000 in Department of Energy stimulus grant funds to weatherize homes for low-income, elderly, and disabled customers within Austin Energy's service area. TDHCA offered the City of Austin/Austin Energy the additional grant funds based on the successful implementation of Austin Energy's ARRA Weatherization Assistance Program, including the work performed by its contractors, and communications from the Austin City Manager following receipt of the last installment of additional grant funds. These funds will allow Austin Energy to weatherize approximately 54 residential units at the Mount Carmel housing development (a low income apartment complex located in east Austin) as well as approximately 128 residential units at the Chase Village housing development (a low income apartment complex located just north of Hwy 183 and just west of IH35).

TDHCA notified Austin Energy that its contract will be amended to reflect a voluntary reobligation of funds and a contract extension through March 31, 2012. No new contract solicitations will occur.

This budget amendment authorizes the City of Austin to accept an additional \$900,000 in grant funds included in the amended version of the contract. This additional allocation of funds will be used to meet the expenses of securing the qualified units, the cost of labor, materials and program support costs to weatherize the units. Two related purchasing RCAs are required to amend the contracts for test-in and test-out procedures; the weatherization contracts have sufficient Council authorization and do not require an amendment RCA. A table detailing the distribution of the additional \$900,000 is provided in Council backup. The new budget total for this grant award is \$9,190,874. The grant period now extends from September 1, 2009 through March 31, 2012.