

# **Recommendation for Council Action**

Austin City Council Item ID 64070 Agenda Number 3.

Meeting Date: 11/3/2016 Department: Austin Energy

### Subject

Approve issuance of a rebate to Henderson Global Investors, for energy efficiency improvements at the Argosy at Crestview apartment community located at 1003 Justin Lane, in an amount not to exceed \$95,279 (District 7).

# Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Operating Budget of Austin Energy.

#### Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	
For More Information:	Jeff Vice, Director, Local Government Issues (512) 322-6087; Denise Kuehn, Director, Energy Efficiency Services (512) 322-6138.
Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:	October 17, 2016 – Recommended unanimously by the Electric Utility Commission on an 8-0 vote with Commissioners Mahmood and Roa absent and one vacancy.  October 18, 2016 – Recommended by the Resource Management Commission on a 7-0 vote with Commissioners Madison and White off the dais, Commissioner Saum absent and one vacancy.
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

### Additional Backup Information

Austin Energy requests authorization to issue a rebate to Henderson Global Investors, in an amount not to exceed \$95,279, for energy efficiency measures to be completed at the Argosy at Crestview apartment home community located at 1003 Justin Lane, in Council District 7.

Seven percent of the residents of the Argosy at Crestview participate in Austin Energy's Customer Assistance Program (CAP). The property is listed in the 13th Edition of the Guide to Affordable Housing in the Greater Austin Area published by The Austin Tenant's Council. The Argosy at Crestview was built in 1984 and comprises 15 buildings and 288 apartment units, with a total of 197,280 square feet of conditioned space. The rent for one bedroom units ranges from \$936 to \$1,075, and \$1,238 to \$1,474 for the two bedroom units, depending on amenities. The energy efficiency measures proposed at this property are air conditioning duct sealing and the installation of water saving devices. The estimated total cost of the project is \$95,279; the rebate will cover 100% of the total cost.

These improvements will be made in accordance with Austin Energy's Multifamily Weatherization Assistance Rebate Program. While similar to the standard Multifamily Rebate Program, this program offers larger rebates customized for each measure, based on historical savings and cost data.

This program is one element of Austin Energy's comprehensive Resource, Generation and Climate Protection Plan to realize 700 MW of energy efficiency and 200 MW of demand response by 2025. The original plan, approved by City Council in April 2010 and updated in December 2014, is designed in part to reduce local air pollution through energy conservation, reduce peak demand, reduce the need to purchase additional generation and assist customers in reducing electric consumption.

The avoided kilowatt hours (kWh) estimated at 468,294 kWh per year represents a major benefit to the local environment. This project is estimated to prevent the production of the following air pollutants: 281.2 metric tons of Carbon Dioxide (CO2), 0.196 metric tons of Nitrogen Oxides (NOX), and 0.177 metric tons of Sulfur Dioxide (SO2). The project savings is equivalent to an estimated 631,346 vehicle miles traveled, the removal of 54 cars from our roadways, or the planting of 7,224 trees or 361 acres of forest in Austin's parks.