



**Grant
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

**AGENDA ITEM NO.: 2
AGENDA DATE: Thu 04/22/2004
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SUBJECT: Authorize acceptance of a grant award from the U. S. Department of Energy (DOE), in the amount of \$10,200 to fund distribution of the grant funded report, Silver In the Mine, and amend Ordinance No. 030909-1, the Fiscal Year 2003-2004 Operating Budget for the Electric Utility Department, by increasing grant funding and grant expenditures by \$10,200 in the approved Operating Budget of the Electric Utility Department.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding will be provided by the Department of Energy (DOE). The grant will expire on August 31, 2004, unless extended by mutual agreement in writing by both parties. The City of Austin is not required to provide an in-kind match.

FISCAL NOTE: A fiscal note is attached.

REQUESTING Austin Energy
DEPARTMENT:

**DIRECTOR'S
AUTHORIZATION:** Juan Garza

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Roger Duncan, VP, Governmental Relations, Energy & Environmental Policy / 322-6157

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: N/A

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

PURCHASING: N/A

MBE / WBE: N/A

Beginning in January 2002, the U.S. Department of Energy Denver Regional Office (DOE), the Texas State Office of Energy Conservation, and the City of Austin began collaboration on a new grant funded program titled the Communities of the Future Initiative. Austin was invited to become a Communities of the Future on the basis of our commitment to clean energy; our willingness to commit resources and take action on comprehensive, "whole community" approaches to energy issues; the strength of our motivation to carry out the goals of the initiative; and the ability of the relevant State Energy Office to support the community's efforts.

Under the terms of an agreement, DOE and the State agreed to provide two thirds of the cost of funding a two-year position within the City of Austin. The grant-funded FTE was charged with developing a comprehensive sustainable energy plan for the City of Austin and the Austin Energy service area. This requirement of the grant has been met with the publication of Silver In the Mine.

DOE has subsequently identified the additional funding of \$10,200, and they have agreed to make this funding available to assist Austin Energy in the distribution of the publication.

Austin Energy staff will be responsible for grant reporting requirements and administering the project funds.

**OPERATING BUDGET
Fiscal Note**

DATE OF COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:
WHERE ON AGENDA:
DEPARTMENT:

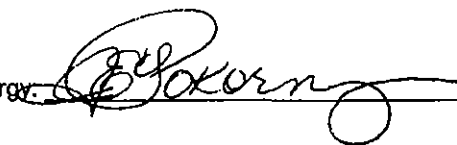
4/22/2004
Ordinance
Austin Energy

Authorize acceptance of a grant award from the U. S. Department of Energy (DOE), in the amount of \$10,200 to fund distribution of the grant funded report, Silver In the Mine, and amend Ordinance No. 030909-1, the Fiscal Year 2003-2004 Operating Budget for the Electric Utility Department Special Revenue Fund, by increasing grant funding and grant expenditures by \$10,200 in the approved Operating Budget of the Electric Utility Department.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

	<u>Approved Budget 2003-2004</u>	<u>Impact of this Action</u>	<u>Amended Budget 2003-2004</u>
Special Revenue Fund Silver in the Mine	\$0	\$10,200	\$10,200
 TOTAL	 <u>\$0</u>	 <u>\$10,200</u>	 <u>\$10,200</u>
 FTEs	 0.00	 0.00	 0.00

Director of Finance, Austin Energy



Date:

4/8/04

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS AND AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2003-2004 ELECTRIC UTILITY DEPARTMENT OPERATING BUDGET OF ORDINANCE NO. 030909-01 TO APPROPRIATE GRANT FUNDS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

PART 1. The Council authorizes the acceptance of \$10,200 in grant funds from the United States Department of Energy to fund distribution of the grant funded report “Silver in the Mine.”

PART 2. The Council amends the Fiscal Year 2003-2004 Electric Utility Department Operating Budget of Ordinance No. 030909-01 to appropriate \$10,200 to increase grant funding by an amount of \$10,200 and increase grant expenditures by the same amount.

PART 3. The Council finds that the need to amend the budget constitutes an emergency, a grave public necessity, and an unusual and unforeseen condition that could not, by reasonable diligence, have been included in the original budget for the current fiscal year. Because of this emergency, this ordinance takes effect immediately on its passage for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

PASSED AND APPROVED

_____, 2004

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Will Wynn
Mayor

APPROVED: _____ **ATTEST:** _____
David Allan Smith Shirley A. Brown
City Attorney City Clerk