



Grant
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

AGENDA ITEM NO.: 4
AGENDA DATE: Thu 06/10/2004
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SUBJECT: Approve an ordinance authorizing the application for and acceptance of grant funds in the amount of \$2,073,200 from the United States Environmental Protection Agency; amending the Fiscal Year 2003-2004 Austin Water Utility Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 030909-1, to appropriate \$2,073,200 for activities associated with the mitigation of Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSOs).

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding in the amount of \$2,073,200 is available from the United States Environmental Protection Agency. A 45% local match requirement of \$1,696,255 will be provided through previously authorized expenditures associated with the corrective actions of Sanitary Sewer Overflows. The grant period is from October 1, 2003 to September 30, 2005.

FISCAL NOTE: A fiscal note is attached.

REQUESTING Austin Water Utility **DIRECTOR'S**
DEPARTMENT: **AUTHORIZATION:** Chris Lippe

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Gopal Guthikonda, P.E., 972-1557; Reynaldo Cantu, P.E., 972-0240 and Laura Wiley 972-0104

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: As part of the 2003-04 budget, City Council Authorized funding for the SSO correction projects.

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission

PURCHASING: N/A

MBE / WBE: N/A

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

In early 2004 the U.S Congress approved a direct Appropriation to the City of Austin in the amount of \$2,150,000 from U.S. EPA's State and Tribal Assistance Grant budget account to support activities associated with the mitigation of SSO's. Three percent, or \$64,500 is set aside from each authorized grant to be used by the EPA to fund the cost of managing the grant and 0.59% or \$12,300 of the remaining award is set aside for a recision requirement. This appropriation will result in U.S. EPA issuing a grant of \$2,073,200 to the City with a local match share requirement of 45% or \$1,696,255. The City will provide this local match share through already authorized expenditures associated with the SSO corrective actions.

This action authorizes the Director of Austin Water Utility to submit the application along with all required submittals to the U.S. EPA on behalf of the City of Austin for the release of the grant, and to accept the grant funding.

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR AND ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY; AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2003-2004 AUSTIN WATER UTILITY DEPARTMENT OPERATING BUDGET OF ORDINANCE NO. 030909-01 TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

PART 1. The Council authorizing application for acceptance of a grant in the amount of \$2,073,200 from the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

PART 2. The Council amends the Fiscal Year 2003-2004 Austin Water Utility Department Operating Budget of Ordinance No. 030909-01 to appropriate \$2,073,200 for activities associated with the mitigation of sanitary sewer overflows.

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

No. 060204-A

**WATER AND WASTEWATER COMMISSION RESOLUTION
APPROVE AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR AND ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT
FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,073,200 FROM THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION AGENCY; AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2003-2004 AUSTIN WATER UTILITY SPECIAL
REVENUE FUND OF ORDINANCE NO. 030909-1, TO APPROPRIATE \$2,073,200 FOR ACTIVITIES
ASSOCIATED WITH THE MITIGATION OF SANITARY SEWER OVERFLOWS (SSOs)**

June 2, 2004

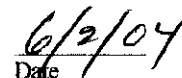
REGULAR MEETING

VOTE: 7-0-0-2

Motion made by: Warner
Commissioners Consenting: Lee, Coleman, Friese, Miller, Raun,
Commissioners Dissenting:
Commissioners Abstaining:
Commissioners Absent: Kirfmann, Pool

The Water and Wastewater Commission recommends the Council authorize the approval of an ordinance authorizing the application for and acceptance of grant funds in the amount of \$2,073,200 from the United States Environmental Protection Agency; amending the Fiscal Year 2003-2004 Austin Water Utility Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 030909-1, to appropriate \$2,073,200 for activities associated with the mitigation of Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSOs).


Michael Warner, Chairperson
Water and Wastewater Commission


Date

OPERATING BUDGET FISCAL NOTE

DATE OF COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:
WHERE ON AGENDA:
DEPARTMENT:

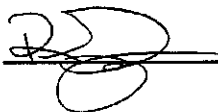
6/10/2004
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FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Project Costs:	<u>Amended Budget 2003-04</u>	<u>Impact of this Action</u>	<u>Amended Budget 2003-04</u>
Special Revenue Fund Sanitary Sewer Overflows EPA Grant	\$0	\$2,073,200	\$2,073,200
TOTAL	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$2,073,200</u></u>	<u><u>\$2,073,200</u></u>
 FTEs	 0.00	 0.00	 0.00

Budget Office: _____



Date: _____

5/26/04