



Grant
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

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SUBJECT: Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$17,500 in grant funds from the United States Department of Energy Clean Cities Program through the Texas State Energy Conservation Office; and amending the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Electric Utility Department Operating Budget of Ordinance No. 040913-01 to appropriate \$17,500 in grant funds for a total grant amount of \$82,500 for the purpose of continuing the City's involvement in the Clean Cities Program through August 31, 2005 and to appropriate Program Income in the amount of \$20,000 donated by Clean Cities participants for administration of the Central Texas Clean Cities Program for a total program income of \$44,000.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding in the amount of \$17,500 is available from the U.S. Department of Energy through the Texas State Energy Conservation Office. The grant period is September 1, 2004 to August 31, 2005. A City match is not required.

FISCAL NOTE: A fiscal note is attached.

REQUESTING Austin Energy
DEPARTMENT:

DIRECTOR'S
AUTHORIZATION: Juan Garza

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Fred Blood, 974-3533

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: 4/14/94 – City Council Resolution established the City of Austin as a member of a regional Clean Cities program;

01/30/03 – City Council authorized acceptance of a grant in the amount of \$25,000 to continue the Clean Cities Program, and appropriated Program Income of \$10,000 donated by Clean Cities participants.

07/31/03 – City Council authorized acceptance of an amendment to the grant in the amount of \$40,000 to continue the Clean Cities Program.

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission.

PURCHASING: N/A

MBE / WBE: N/A

The Department of Energy (DOE) created the Clean Cities program in an effort to create local public/private partnerships to promote the use and purchase of alternative fuels by increasing public awareness.

At the request of the U.S. Department of Energy, the City of Austin is the administrator for the Central Texas Clean Cities Program. In addition to increasing public awareness, the City is responsible for recruiting stakeholders for the Central Texas Clean Cities Coalition. These stakeholders will include the federal government, local government, and private sector. There are 82 Clean Cities coalitions in the US. In Texas there are six (6) coalitions; the Central Texas Clean City (CTCC) coalition includes Bastrop, Caldwell, Hays, Travis and Williamson Counties.

Overall, the Clean Cities coalitions are dedicated to:



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- *Creating new jobs and commercial opportunities
- *Facilitating alternative fuel vehicle production and conversion
- *Expanding local refueling infrastructure
- *Increasing the use of alternative fuels
- *Developing a "clean corridor" (I 35 for Central Texas)
- *Increasing public awareness
- *Advancing clean air objectives
- *Supporting regulated fleets.

The CTCC regularly holds informational meetings, events and gatherings. Clean Cities programs are successful because of the coalition of motivated individuals working together to reach a common goal. By combining local decision-making with voluntary action, this "grass roots" approach establishes an effective program to create a sustainable alternative fuels market.

This grant will be used to continue funding for one full-time Conservation Program Specialist to coordinate the program.

The grant will support the existing performance measures as follows:

Number of days when the Austin region exceeds Ozone standard.

Approval of this amendment does not obligate or prohibit the City from funding the program in future years.

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS AND AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2004-2005 ELECTRIC UTILITY DEPARTMENT OPERATING BUDGET OF ORDINANCE NO. 040913-01 TO APPROPRIATE 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 \$17,500 in grant funds from the United States Department of Energy through the Texas State Energy Conservation Office.

PART 2. The Council amends the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Electric Utility Department Operating Budget of Ordinance No. 040913-01 as follows:

- (1) Appropriate \$17,500 for the purpose of continuing the City's involvement in the Clean Cities Program through August 31, 2005, for a total grant amount of \$107,500; and
- (2) Appropriate Program Income donated by Clean Cities participants in the amount of \$20,000 for administration of the Central Texas Clean Cities Program.

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: _____
David Allan Smith
City Attorney

ATTEST: _____
Shirley A. Brown
City Clerk

**OPERATING BUDGET
FISCAL NOTE**

DATE OF COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:
WHERE ON AGENDA:
DEPARTMENT:

11/4/2004
ORDINANCE
Austin Energy

SUBJECT: Approve an Ordinance amending Ordinance 040913-01, the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Operating Budget of the Electric Utility Department by accepting and appropriating \$17,500 in grant funds from the U.S. Department of Energy through the Texas State Energy Conservation Office for a total grant amount of \$82,500 to continue the City's involvement in the Clean Cities Program to August 31, 2005; and appropriating Program Income donated by Clean Cities participants in the estimated amount of \$20,000 for administration of the Central Texas Clean Cities Program for a total program income of \$44,000.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

	<u>Approved Budget 2004-2005</u>	<u>Impact of this Action</u>	<u>Amended Budget 2004-2005</u>
Clean Cities Program			
Grant Term: 09/01/03 - 08/31/04	\$65,000	\$17,500	\$82,500
TOTAL	<u>\$65,000</u>	<u>\$17,500</u>	<u>\$82,500</u>
FTES			

Source: \$17,500 in grant funds is available from the State of Texas Energy Conservation Office. No match is required. The grant term is September 1, 2003 to August 31, 2005.

Director, Finance Austin Energy



Date

10/21/04