



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

**AGENDA ITEM NO.:** 21  
**AGENDA DATE:** Thu 11/04/2004  
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**SUBJECT:** Authorize the City Manager to apply for a \$200,000 Brownfields Assessment Community-Wide Petroleum grant offered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

**AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING:** Funding in the amount of \$200,000 from U.S. Environmental Protection Agency over two years beginning Fiscal Year 2005.

**FISCAL NOTE:** There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

**REQUESTING** Watershed Protection and **DIRECTOR'S**  
**DEPARTMENT:** Development Review **AUTHORIZATION:** Tammie Williamson

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**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:** April 9, 1998 - Resolution to apply for U.S. EPA Brownfields Pilot Demonstration Grant. September 10, 1998 - Resolution to accept the U.S. EPA Brownfields Pilot Demonstration Grant. February 25, 1999 - Resolution to accept U.S. EPA Brownfields Cleanup Revolving Loan Demonstration Pilot Grant.

**BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION:** N/A

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In 2004, Watershed Protection and Development Review Department (WPDRD) staff conducted an inventory of properties containing underground storage tanks (UST). The UST properties were identified and GIS mapped for tracking purposes. The status of 66 UST properties appear to be unknown or abandoned.

Approval to apply for this \$200,000 Brownfields Assessment Community-Wide Petroleum grant is being requested to offer the property owner's an incentive for environmental site assessments on their property to determine the status of the UST properties and ultimately lead to the cleanup of brownfields.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) has partnered with the City of Austin since 1998. The WPDRD is requesting council authorization to apply for the Brownfields Assessment Community-Wide Petroleum Grant to further the city's commitment to sustainable community development. Guided by the principles of sustainable community development, the Brownfields Program will allow the city to reinvest in the community through the appropriate reuse of existing underutilized urban brownfield properties.