



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

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**SUBJECT:** Approve a resolution authorizing negotiation and execution of an Interlocal Agreement with the State of Texas Energy Conservation Office (SECO) to extend the City's involvement in the Clean Cities program with funding from February 1, 2006 to August 31, 2006 in an amount not to exceed \$23,500.

**AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING:** Grant funding is available from the State of Texas Energy Conservation Office.

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

**REQUESTING** Austin Energy  
**DEPARTMENT:**

**DIRECTOR'S  
AUTHORIZATION:** Juan Garza

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ester Matthews, Director, Local Government Issues / 322-6041; Fred Blood, Sustainability Officer / 482-5340

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:** 4/14/94 - Resolution established City of Austin as a member of a regional Clean Cities program; 2/15/01 - Accepted \$50,000 grant to establish Central Texas Clean Cities Program; 7/11/02 - Accepted \$25,000 grant; 1/30/03 - Accepted \$25,000 grant; 7/31/03 - Accepted \$40,000 grant; 11/04/04 - Accepted \$17,500 grant; 4/28/05 - Accepted \$20,000 grant.

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

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The U.S. 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 DOE and the State of Texas Energy Conservation Office (SECO), the City of Austin is the administrator and fiduciary agent 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 from the federal government, local governments and the private sector. The United States has 82 Clean Cities coalitions, six of which are in Texas. The Central Texas Clean Cities (CTCC) coalition includes Bastrop, Caldwell, Hays, Travis and Williamson Counties.

This grant will be used to continue funding for one full-time Conservation Program Specialist to coordinate the program. The grant period will be from February 1, 2006 to August 31, 2006. The duties of the coordinator are as follows:

- Organize the establishment of a governing body/committee as a contact source for information on Alternative Fuel (AF) technology and available resources
- Establish, compile and coordinate a database of consumers and suppliers of AF
- Coordinate in conjunction with advisory committees and conduct public education promotion and

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marketing of AF

- Assist to develop technical and financial services for the development, acquisition and installation of AF infrastructure and use of Alternative Fuel Vehicles (AFV)
- Establish and serve as the primary contact for the regional clearinghouse of the AF facts and information
- Provide technical assistance to Clean Cities stakeholder committee and advisory committees as they develop goals, by-laws and procedures; identify issues, mandates and market elements and promote committee findings and activities; propose solutions to achieve Clean Cities goals
- Conduct workshops, seminars and teleconferences on air quality, environmental issues regarding vehicle emissions and the benefits of AFV
- Develop and produce brochures, training materials, videos, educational and promotional materials.
- Prepare program and financial reports to appropriate authorizing agencies
- Compile and coordinate current data on the operational effectiveness and cost savings potential of AFVs. Identify and tabulate current and projected AF and AFV market materials
- Provide regional AF awareness presentations to appropriate groups, businesses and others. Presentations will emphasize improving air quality, reducing pollution and proposed solutions as identified by the Clean Cities advisory board
- Provide local governments with administrative and technical assistance regarding AF issues and Clean Cities Programs
- Prepare and submit monthly programmatic and financial reports to the DOE and SECO. Submit Final Report 30 days prior to contract closeout

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 20060112-**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:**

The City Council approves a resolution authorizing negotiation and execution of an Interlocal Agreement with the State of Texas Energy Conservation Office (SECO) to extend the City's involvement in the Clean Cities program with funding from February 1, 2006 to August 31, 2006 in an amount not to exceed \$23,500.

**ADOPTED:** January 12, 2006

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Shirley A. Brown  
City Clerk