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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council		Item ID	54121	Agenda Number	3.
Meeting Date:	2/25/2016		Department:	Austin Energy	
Subject					
Authorize issuance of a rebate to Nimes Capital, for performing energy efficiency improvements at The Ballpark Austin Apartments located at 4600 Elmont Drive, in an amount not to exceed \$85,595. (District 3)					
Amount and Source of Funding					
Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Operating Budget of Austin Energy.					
Fiscal Note					
There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.					
Purchasing Language:					
Prior Council Action:					
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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:	February 16, 2016 – Recommended by the Resource Management Commission on a vote of 11-0. February 22, 2016 – To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission.				
MBE / WBE:					
Related Items:					

Additional Backup Information

Austin Energy requests authorization to issue a rebate to Nimes Capital, in an amount not to exceed \$85,595, for an energy efficient measure completed at the Ballpark Austin Apartments located at 4600 Elmont Drive, in Council District 3.

The property comprises 18 buildings and 282 apartment units, with a total of 250,272 square feet of conditioned space. The average rent for the one bedroom unit is \$925 and the two bedroom units rents for \$1,340. The energy efficiency measure to be completed at this property is duct sealing. The estimated total cost of the project is \$106,994; the rebate will cover approximately 80% of the total cost.

These improvements are in accordance with Austin Energy's Multifamily Rebate Program. This and other multifamily rebate projects require proof of compliance with the City's Energy Conservation Audit and Disclosure (ECAD) ordinance, as described in Chapter 6-7 Energy Conservation of the Austin City Code. Per the rebate program guidelines, the rebate check cannot be issued prior to compliance with ECAD. The guidelines allow the property owner or manager to use registered ECAD auditors to perform an energy audit concurrently with installation of the energy efficiency measures so that residents are not unnecessarily inconvenienced. Only upon successful completion and final inspection of the work, and providing proof of ECAD compliance, will the rebate check be issued. In the case of the Ballpark Austin Apartments, the General Contractor agreed to provide the ECAD audit, which will bring

the property status from 'Pending Compliance' to 'In Compliance.' At that point, the City of Austin Energy Guide document will be displayed at the apartment complex for current and prospective tenants to view. It lists the estimated monthly electric cost, results of the energy audit and other details about the property.

This program is one of the elements of Austin Energy's comprehensive Resource, Generation and Climate Protection Plan, to realize 700 MW of energy efficiency and 200 MW of demand response by 2025. The original plan, approved by City Council in April 2010 and updated in December 2014, is designed in part to reduce local air pollution through energy conservation, reduce peak demand, reduce the need to purchase additional generation, and assist customers in reducing electric consumption.

The avoided kilowatt hours (kWh) estimated at 487,139 kWh per year represents a major benefit to the local environment. This project is estimated to prevent the production of the following air pollutants: 292.5 metric tons of Carbon Dioxide (CO₂), 0.204 metric tons of Nitrogen Oxides (NO_x), and 0.184 metric tons of Sulfur Dioxide (SO₂). The project savings is equivalent to an estimated 656,752 vehicle miles traveled, the removal of 56 cars from our roadways, or the planting of 7,515 trees or 376 acres of forest in Austin's parks.