



**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 to provide grant funding for administration and facilitation of the City of Austin's Clean Cities Coordinator Program from March 1, 2005 to August 31, 2006 in an amount not to exceed \$67,000. (Related item: Budget Amendment).

**AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING:** \$20,000 in grant funds is available from the State of Texas Energy Conservation Office. \$23,500 in-kind is included in the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the second year in-kind match of \$23,500 is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

**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, Local Government Issues / 322-6041;  
Fred Blood, Sustainability Officer / 482-5340

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:** 2/15/01 – City Council authorized acceptance of a grant in the amount of \$50,000 to establish the Clean Cities Program.

7/11/02 - City Council authorized acceptance of a grant in the amount of \$25,000 to continue the 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.

11/04/04 – City Council authorized acceptance of an amendment to the grant in the amount of \$17,500 to continue the Clean Cities Program.

**BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION:**

**PURCHASING:** N/A

**MBE / WBE:** N/A

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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, 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



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for the Central Texas Clean Cities Coalition from the federal government, local governments, and private sector. The U.S. 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.

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.

Approval of this interlocal does not obligate the City to fund the program in subsequent years.