



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

**AGENDA ITEM NO.: 104
AGENDA DATE: Thu 06/23/2005
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SUBJECT: Authorize the negotiation and execution of a Memorandum of Agreement with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for a \$200,000 Brownfields Assessment Community-Wide Petroleum grant.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding in the amount of \$200,000 from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency over two years beginning in Fiscal Year 2006-2007 to be appropriated in the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Operating Budget of the Watershed Protection and Development Review Department.

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

REQUESTING Watershed Protection and **DIRECTOR'S**
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PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: November 4, 2004 - Resolution to apply for U.S. EPA Brownfields Assessment Community-Wide Petroleum grant.

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

PURCHASING: N/A

MBE / WBE: N/A

In 2004, Watershed Protection and Development Review (WPDR) staff reviewed the inventory of properties containing underground storage tanks (USTs) in the City of Austin. The review indicated there are approximately eighty UST properties for which no environmental information is available and some of which have been abandoned. Staff applied for an EPA Brownfields Assessment Community-Wide Petroleum grant which the City can use to financially assist owners of UST properties to conduct environmental site assessments. The assessment is the first step to cleanup and ultimate redevelopment of the site.

WPDRD is requesting council authorization to accept a \$200,000 Brownfields Assessment Community-Wide Petroleum Grant from EPA to assist with assessments of selected properties in the East Austin area. 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.