



Grant
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

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SUBJECT: Authorize negotiation and execution of an Interlocal Agreement with Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Commission (CAMPO) for Commute Solutions Innovator Grant Assistance funding in the amount of \$700.00.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Grant funding is available in Commute Solutions Innovator Grant Assistance Funding administered by CAMPO.

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

REQUESTING Austin Energy
DEPARTMENT:

DIRECTOR'S
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PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: N/A

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

PURCHASING: N/A

MBE / WBE: N/A

The Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Commission (CAMPO) has awarded Commute Solutions Innovator Grant Assistance funding to the City of Austin in an amount not to exceed \$700 to establish a Commute Solutions Month program targeted at City of Austin employees. This program encourages smart transportation choices by rewarding employees who exercise an alternative commute during the month of October. Incentives will be awarded to employees who register at www.commutesolutions.com and log their alternative commutes. The project is designed to help reduce the mobile source impact City of Austin employees have on air quality by promoting and encouraging the use of bus, carpools, vanpools, biking, and walking as alternative commute solutions.

Austin's Commute Solutions program, entitled "Walk, Bike, and Roll," is an innovative program created by the City's Air Quality staff to promote commute alternatives to City employees. Walk, Bike, and Roll will consist of a targeted marketing plan designed to educate and inform employees about how commute choices play an important role in the air quality of Central Texas. Employees reporting alternative commute trips in the categories of walking, biking, and public transit will be eligible for prizes and will be recognized at the Commute Solutions Month closing ceremony. All employees participating in the program will receive a commute-related prize pack to further encourage the use of alternative means of transportation during the year.