



Grant
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

AGENDA ITEM NO.: 39
AGENDA DATE: Thu 08/18/2005
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SUBJECT: Approve a resolution authorizing negotiation and execution of an agreement with the Texas Forest Service (TFS) of the Texas A&M University System for U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service funding for an Oak Wilt Suppression grant with required City of Austin matching funds of \$25,000.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding in an amount up to \$25,000 is available in U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service grant funding administered by the Texas Forest Service. Local matching funds are required and \$25,000 in local matching funds are included in the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Proposed Operating Budget of Austin Energy.

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

REQUESTING Watershed Protection and **DIRECTOR'S**
DEPARTMENT: Development Review **AUTHORIZATION:** Joe Pantalion

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PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: N/A

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

PURCHASING: N/A

MBE / WBE: N/A

The Texas Forest Service (TFS) selected the City of Austin for U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forest Service Texas Oak Wilt Suppression funding for an Oak Wilt Partnership Grant. The grant will support a city forester position to provide technical assistance and promote public awareness and education concerning the identification, prevention, and suppression of oak wilt in the city limits of Austin. Additional activities may include public tree planting and maintenance programs as well as enforcement of city tree protection and landscaping ordinances. Grant and matching funds will be used for salary and benefits of office expenses, supplies and equipment.

The total estimated project cost is \$50,000 for Fiscal Year 2005-2006. USDA Forest Service funds administered by TFS will provide up to \$25,000 and the City of Austin will provide the required matching funds of \$25,000.

RESOLUTION NO.

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

The City authorizes the negotiation and execution of an agreement with the Texas Forest Service of the Texas A & M University System for U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service funding for an Oak Wilt Partnership grant of \$25,000 with required City of Austin matching funds not to exceed \$25,000.

ADOPTED: _____, 2005

ATTEST: _____
Shirley A. Brown
City Clerk