

**CITY OF AUSTIN - AUSTIN ENERGY
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

AGENDA DATE: 01/27/2011

Subject: Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$52,500 in grant funds from the U.S. Department of Energy through Leonardo Technologies Inc., Morgantown, WV, and amending the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Austin Energy Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 20100913-002 to appropriate \$52,500 for programmatic support of the Central Texas Clean Cities Program. The grant period is November 16, 2010 to October 31, 2011.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available from the U.S. Department of Energy through Leonardo Technologies Inc. Matching funds are not required and the General Fund will not be required to contribute to this grant.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is required.

For More Information: Ester Matthews, Austin Climate Protection Program Director, 322-6041.

Boards and Commission Action: To be reviewed by the Resource Management Commission, January 18, 2011, and the Electric Utility Commission, January 24, 2011.

Prior Council Action: March 11, 2010 – Approved acceptance of \$20,000 in grant funds from U.S. DOE through Leonardo Technologies Inc.

If approved, this grant from the U.S. Department of Energy through Leonardo Technologies, Inc. will be used for administration of the City of Austin's Central Texas Clean Cities Program through Austin Energy. Clean Cities is a government-industry partnership designed to reduce petroleum consumption in the transportation sector by advancing the use of alternative fuels and vehicles, idle reduction technologies, hybrid electric vehicles, fuel blends, and fuel economy measures. It is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy's Vehicle Technologies Program and contributes to the energy, environmental, and economic security of the U.S. by supporting local decisions to reduce our dependence on imported petroleum. The City of Austin through Austin Energy is the administrator and fiduciary agent for the Central Texas Clean Cities Program.

The U.S. has 90 Clean Cities coalitions, six of which are in Texas. The Central Texas Clean Cities Program coalition includes Travis, Bastrop, Caldwell, Hays, and Williamson Counties, the City of Temple, Texas and Fort Hood in Killeen. The proposed grant funds will be used for program management and staff training, to enhance the Central Texas Clean Cities Program web site (www.ci.austin.tx.us/cleancities), and to continue the quarterly eNewsletter. Grant funds will also be used for printing promotional and educational materials, workshop and conference development, and project implementation.