



**To:** Zero Waste Advisory Commission

**From:** Bob Gedert, Department Director, Austin Resource Recovery

**Date:** July 9, 2014

**Subject:** **EDA Public Works and Economic Development Facilities Grant Acceptance**

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The purpose of this item is to obtain a favorable ZWAC recommendation for the City Council to approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$1,000,000 in grant funds from the U.S. Economic Development Administration for infrastructure construction at the Austin [re]Manufacturing Hub, and amending the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Capital Budget to appropriate \$1,000,000.

***Purpose and Background***

The Austin [re]Manufacturing Hub is a specialized eco-industrial park which will attract reuse and recycling manufacturers to the redeveloped former FM 812 Landfill site. Redeveloping this land through an eco-industrial park will provide local and sustainable recycling markets, reduce transportation costs and attract jobs and investment to Austin. The Austin [re]Manufacturing Hub will create an estimated 1,250 jobs and attract \$30 million in private investment. The City of Austin has completed site surveys, a Phase I environmental assessment, a land plan, a real estate appraisal, and preliminary infrastructure design.

Austin Resource Recovery has received a federal grant of \$1,000,000 from the U.S. Economic Development Administration to partially fund the development of infrastructure on the site, specifically the construction of a waste water line to the site. Extension of wastewater services to both the hub and the surrounding un-served area will become a catalyst for what has been stagnated development along FM812 and FM973 as septic systems have not been adequate for this robust type of industrial development. The City contribution of \$2,075,745 is available from the \$2,750,000 appropriated in the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Capital Budget for the Austin [re]Manufacturing Hub, and this grant will have no impact on the General Fund.

***Grant Acceptance Timeline***

July 1<sup>st</sup>- EDA Announcement of Grant Award  
July 9<sup>th</sup> – ZWAC Recommendation  
August 7<sup>th</sup> – City Council Date

***Staff Recommendation***

Staff recommends City Council approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$1,000,000 in grant funds from the United States Economic Development Administration for infrastructure construction at the Austin [re]Manufacturing Hub, and amending the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Capital Budget to appropriate \$1,000,000 to implement the development of the Austin [re]Manufacturing Hub.