

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council - Commissioner's Court Meeting	Item ID	34002	Agenda Number	<ITEM_OUTLINE>
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Meeting Date:	8/7/2014	Department:	Austin Resource Recovery
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Subject

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 (Ordinance #20130909-002) to appropriate \$1,000,000 to implement the development of the Austin [re]Manufacturing Hub.

Amount and Source of Funding

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.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	On September 09, 2013, Council approved the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Capital Budget (Ordinance No. 20130909-002)
For More Information:	Bob Gedert, Director/ARR, 974-1926, Natalie Betts, Recycling Economic Development Liaison/ARR, 974-7833
Boards and Commission Action:	7/9/14 - To be reviewed by the Zero Waste Advisory Commission
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

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 \$2,750,000 was appropriated in the

Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Capital Budget, and this grant will have no impact on the General Fund.