



Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-2187, **Agenda Item #:** 45.

7/29/2021

Posting Language

Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$691,072 in grant funds from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality; amending the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Fleet Mobility Services Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20200812-001) to appropriate these funds; and amending the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Fleet Mobility Services Department Capital Budget (Ordinance No. 20200812-001) to transfer in and appropriate \$691,072 from the Fleet Mobility Services Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund to assist with the purchase of seven replacement vehicles.

Lead Department

Fleet Mobility Services.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount not to exceed \$691,072 will be provided by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). The grant period extends from the execution of the Grant Agreement through 24 months after the contract effective date. A City funding match is not required. Fiscal notes are attached.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

TCEQ has awarded the City of Austin Fleet Mobility Services Department a Texas Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Program grant. This grant will provide funding toward the purchase of seven vehicles used by Parks and Recreation Department and Watershed Protection for transporting water, wastewater, tree and plant clippings, and trash.

The goal of the grant program is to reduce damaging environmental emissions. Accordingly, this grant will help fund the replacement of one on-road water tanker and six dump trucks ranging from years 1998 to 2008 with new, cleaner on-road water tanker and dump trucks. The advanced emissions controls on the replacement truck engines provide a 95% reduction in NOx output levels. This grant will therefore help the City achieve its sustainability goals.

A City funding match is not required.

The total estimated cost of purchasing these seven vehicles is \$1,001,654. The remaining funding is available in the Fleet vehicle acquisition fund budget and Watershed Protection capital funding.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Mobility, Health & Environment.