



Recommendation for Action

File #: 23-1606, **Agenda Item #:** 3.

4/20/2023

Posting Language

Authorize issuance of rebates for multifamily and commercial customer energy efficiency measures by Austin Energy during Fiscal Year 2022-2023 in the aggregate amounts of \$2,650,000 for multifamily programs and \$3,350,000 for commercial programs, for a total combined amount not to exceed \$6,000,000, including ratification of \$2,850,844 in rebates already issued in the current fiscal year.

Lead Department

Austin Energy.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$6,000,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Operating Budget of Austin Energy.

Prior Council Action:

September 30, 2021- Council approved issuance of energy efficiency program rebates during Fiscal Year 2021-2022 for multifamily energy efficiency rebates and commercial and small business energy efficiency rebates.

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

Apr 10, 2023 - To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission.

Apr 18, 2023 - To be reviewed by the Resource Management Commission.

Additional Backup Information:

Austin Energy's energy efficiency rebate programs provide customer incentives to reduce energy demand and associated costs, benefiting all electric utility customers and the utility. Aggregate authority for the issuance of rebates has been requested and approved in FY20, FY21, and FY22. This request was not submitted in a timely manner for this Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (FY23). Austin Energy requests approval to ratify \$2,850,844 in rebates already paid for the projects listed in Tables 1-2 below. Moving forward this authorization will allow Austin Energy to continue to issue rebates to multifamily, commercial, and small business customers during FY23 for energy efficiency improvements in accordance with program guidelines and up to a combined amount of \$6,000,000.

The aggregate rebate approval request reflects Austin Energy's continued commitment to be responsive and flexible to customer needs by reducing the wait time needed to be reimbursed for energy efficiency upgrades. Multifamily customers will receive an average of three upgrades per unit (e.g., smart thermostats, lighting, solar screens, HVAC tune-up, etc.), helping to reduce their energy costs during the continued economic uncertainty. The aggregate approval ensures program continuity by assuring that contractors and property

managers/owners would receive rebate funding promptly after work has been completed.

Per current practice, Austin Energy staff will continue to provide a monthly report that summarizes the Commercial, Small Business, and Multifamily program pipeline (including leads, active, and paid projects). For any projects that will exceed \$72,000 in rebates, the report will also include measures installed, expected savings, and other relevant data. The annual customer rebate cap will remain at \$300,000 pursuant to Resolution 20140807-006.

Table 1: Multifamily Income Qualified and Multifamily - FY2022-23 Projects Requesting Ratification

Program	Enrollment Number(s)	Location Name	Installation Address	Council District	kW savings	kWh savings	\$ Incentive	Measures Installed	Total # of Units
Multifamily Income Qualified	1273872, 1282755	Sunrise Bluff Apts	1704 NELMS DR	2	2,792	10,743,868	\$257,752	HVAC Tune-Ups, Smart Thermostats, Attic Insulation	382
Multifamily Income Qualified	1263649	SoCo Park (Formerly Circle S) Apts	7201 S Congress Ave	2	54	197,307	\$95,962	HVAC Tune-Up, Smart Thermostats, Lighting	200
Multifamily Income Qualified	1252104	ROSEMONT AT OAK VALLEY	2800 COLLINS CREEK DR	3	40	146,934	\$96,619	Attic Insulation, HVAC Tune-Up and Smart Thermostats	280
Multifamily Income Qualified	1266043, 1279956, 1280284	Bradford Pointe	11701 Metric Blvd	7	117	326,189	\$111,716	Attic insulation, HVAC Tune-Up, Lighting, Smart Thermostats	264
Multifamily Income Qualified	1277472, 1282754, 1282699	Riverside Meadows	1601 MONTOPOLIS DR	3	98	325,462	\$137,608	Duct Remediation & Seal, HVAC Tune-Up, Smart Thermostats, and lighting.	240
Multifamily Income Qualified	1283892	Whisper Hollow	3300 Parker Lane	3	338	112,252	\$114,346	Demand Response Enabled Hot Water Heater Controllers and Smart Thermostats	220

Multifamily Income Qualified	1279023	Aubry Hills Apartments	8926 N LAMAR BLVD	4	74	272,926	\$153,683	Lighting, HVAC Tune-Up, Smart Thermostats, Attic insulation, Water Saving Devices	192
Multifamily Income Qualified	1279081	Eryngo Hills	9345 E US 290 HWY	1	51	239,205	\$111,600	HVAC Tune-ups, Smart Thermostats	250
Multifamily Income Qualified	1282753	Northchase Apartments	306 West Rundberg Ln	1	60	162,302	\$99,269	Attic Insulation, HVAC Tune-Up, Smart Thermostats, Water Savings Devices	120

Program	Enrollment Number(s)	Location Name	Installation Address	Council District	kW savings	kWh savings	\$ Incentive	Measures Installed	Total # of Units
Multifamily	1281029	Radius at the Domain	11900 HOBBY HORSE CT	7	393	1,123,418	\$291,145	Plenum Redesign and Remediation, HVAC Tune-ups, Smart Thermostats, Water Savings Devices	340
Multifamily	1283892	Henry Heights	12330 METRIC BLVD	7	78	275,269	\$149,565	Attic insulation, HVAC Tune-Up, Lighting, Plenum Redesign and Remediation, Water Savings Devices.	184
Multifamily	1265247	Sundance Apartments	1006 Banister Ln	3	98	318,338	\$189,182	Attic Insulation, HVAC Tune-Up, Smart Thermostats, Lighting, Water Savings Devices	228
Multifamily	1266002, 1279935	3500 Westlake Apts	3500 N CAPITAL OF TEXAS HWY	10	187	469,365	\$120,440	HVAC Tune-Ups, Smart Thermostats, LED Lighting, Plenum Remediation & Sealing	175
Multifamily	1262337	Cortland Southpark Terraces	10101 S 1st St	5	73	151,420	\$95,531	Attic Insulation, Duct Remediation & Seal, HVAC Tune-Up, Smart Thermostats, ECAD Incentive	244
Multifamily and Multifamily Income Qualified Totals					4,452	14,864,255	\$2,024,419		3,319

Table 2: Commercial and Small Business - FY2022-23 Projects Requesting Ratification

Program	Enrollment Number	Location Name	Installation Address	Council District	kW savings	kWh savings	\$ Incentive	Measures Installed
Commercial	1276752	STATE TFC	701 W 51 st STREET	9	403	1,256,641	\$125,167	Lighting
Commercial	1271046	RIVERSOUTH	401 S 1 ST ST	9	291	771,439	\$80,720	Chillers, Lighting, Variable Frequency Drives (VFD)
Commercial	1265592	NORTH AUSTIN COMPLEX	4601 W GUADALUPE ST	9	772	2,520	\$223,300	Thermal Energy Storage
Commercial	1275836	WILLIAM B. TRAVIS BLDG	1701 CONG AVE	9	259	808,733	\$100,159	Lighting
Commercial	1275840	STEPHEN F AUSTIN BLDG	1700 CONG AVE	9	326	1,016,047	\$125,585	Lighting
Commercial	1276879	WILLIAM P CLEMENTS STATE BLDG	300W 15 TH ST	9	457	1,427,173	171,494	Lighting
Commercial and Small Business Totals					2,508	5,282,553	\$826,425	