



Recommendation for Action

File #: 23-2333, **Agenda Item #:** 10.

7/20/2023

Posting Language

Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Austin Energy Fund (Ordinance No. 20220817-004) to decrease transfers out by \$10,000,000 to the General Fund and increase transfers out by \$10,000,000 to the Building Services Capital Budget; and amending the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Building Services Capital Budget (Ordinance No. 20220817-004) to transfer in \$10,000,000 from the Austin Energy Fund and increase appropriations by \$16,100,000 to purchase generators and improve related facility infrastructure for emergency back-up power purposes. Related to Item #23.

Lead Department

Building Services Department.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$10,000,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Operating Budget of Austin Energy.

Funding in the amount of \$6,100,000 is available from future issuances of bonds.

Prior Council Action:

March 23, 2023 - City Council approved Resolution No. 20230323-060 directing the City Manager to perform an inventory of emergency generators and assess the operational functionality of emergency back up power at Austin Fire Department and Austin-Travis County Emergency Services stations.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

The Building Services Department, Homeland Security and Emergency Management, and the Office of Resilience have collaboratively identified 72 City locations in need of an emergency backup power source. These sites are made up of Austin Fire Department and Emergency Medical Service stations, warming centers, and resilience hubs. In addition to the purchase of new generators, sites may require related infrastructure improvements, such as plumbing, natural gas, electrical, and asbestos mitigation work.

This budget amendment allows Austin Energy to reduce the General Fund transfer by \$10 million and transfer out \$10 million to the Building Services Capital Budget to supply and install standby permanent generators with the ability to procure backup moveable generators as necessary. In addition, this budget amendment allows for an additional \$6.1 million from future issuances of bonds for this effort.