



Recommendation for Action

File #: 23-2530, **Agenda Item #:** 2.

8/1/2023

Posting Language

Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$478,144 in grant funds from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality; amending the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Fleet Mobility Services Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20220817-004) to appropriate these funds; and amending the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Fleet Mobility Services Department Capital Budget (Ordinance No. 20220817-004) to transfer in and appropriate \$478,144 from the Fleet Mobility Services Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund to assist with the purchase of electric and compressed natural gas vehicles.

Lead Department

Fleet Mobility Services Department.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount not to exceed \$478,144 will be provided by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). The grant period extends from the execution of the Grant Agreement through 60 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:

Fleet Mobility Services has been awarded \$478,144 as part of the TCEQ GAFF grant (Governmental Alternative Fuel Fleet Grant Program). This was a Statewide competitive grant with a total of \$3.9M funds available. Austin's grant award amounts to 12 percent of the total available funds. The grant will offset the purchase price of 10 Battery Electric Vehicles. The grant will also reduce the purchase price of 10 Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) shuttle buses for Austin-Bergstrom International Airport. These vehicles will be 100 percent carbon-free in operation as they use 100 percent battery power and 100 percent Renewable Natural Gas.

The General Fund will not be required to contribute additional funds beyond those currently budgeted to this grant. When the grant funds expire, the Fleet Mobility Services department's need for continuing funding will be evaluated and may be denied.