

CAPITAL BUDGET FISCAL NOTE

CONTACT DEPARTMENT(S): Austin Resource Recovery

SUBJECT: Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Austin Resource Recovery Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20230816-008) to accept and appropriate \$4,000,000 in grant funds from the United States Environmental Protection Agency for a reuse warehouse project and amending the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Austin Resource Recovery Capital Budget (Ordinance No. 20230816-008) to transfer in and appropriate \$4,000,000.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Department:	Austin Resource Recovery
Project Name:	Austin Reuse Warehouse
Funding Source(s):	Environmental Protection Agency
Current Phase:	Preliminary
Prior Appropriations:	\$0
This Action:	\$4,000,000
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Amended Project	
Appropriation:	\$4,000,000

ANALYSIS / ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The EPA’s Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling Grant Program (SWIFR) is a grant program authorized by the Save Our Seas 2.0 Act and funded through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, also referred to as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. It provides \$275 million in grants to implement the National Recycling Strategy.

ARR's intention is to use EPA grant funds to open the Austin Reuse Warehouse, which would accept and redistribute gently used furniture at no cost to nonprofits and their clients with a focus on furnishing the homes of those transitioning out of homelessness.

The reuse warehouse supports the City’s goal to reach zero waste by 2040. The program also aligns with the City’s Climate Equity Plan by limiting the need for new raw materials, promoting waste reduction, encouraging reuse, and creating green jobs. In addition, the 2023 ARR Comprehensive Plan Chapter 6 includes a goal to open a furniture reuse warehouse.

Funding in the amount of \$4,000,000 is available from the United States Environmental Protection Agency. A funding match is not required.