

OPERATING BUDGET FISCAL NOTE

DATE OF COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

3/7/24

DEPARTMENT:

Austin Water

FUND:

Austin Water Community Benefit Charge Special Revenue Fund

SUBJECT: Conduct a public hearing and approve an ordinance amending Exhibit A to the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 City Fee and Fine Ordinance (Ordinance No. 20230816-007) to add a dedicated GoPurple component of \$0.15 cents per thousand gallons to the Austin Water's water utility and wastewater utility community benefit charges to support reuse strategies in the Water Forward plan; and amending the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Austin Water Community Benefit Charge Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20230816-008) to increase revenue and appropriations by \$4,100,000 and the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Austin Water Operating Funds (Ordinance No. 20230816-008) to increase transfers in and appropriations by \$4,100,000 for reuse strategies in the Water Forward plan.

CURRENT YEAR IMPACT:

	2023-24 Proposed	This Action	2023-24 Amended
Beginning Balance	<u>4,297,134</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4,297,134</u>
Revenue		4,100,000	4,100,000
Total Revenue	<u>10,463,457</u>	<u>4,100,000</u>	<u>14,563,457</u>
Transfers In			
Austin Water Utility	0		0
Total Transfers In	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Available Funds	<u>10,463,457</u>	<u>4,100,000</u>	<u>14,563,457</u>
Other Requirements	<u>5,257,960</u>		<u>5,257,960</u>
Transfers Out			
Trf to Water Operating Fund	4,025,917		4,025,917

Trf to Wastewater Operating Fund	3,104,911		3,104,911
Trf to Reclaimed Water Fund	0	4,100,000	4,100,000
Total Transfers Out	7,130,828	4,100,000	11,230,828
Total Requirements	12,388,788	4,100,000	16,488,788
Over Total Requirements	(1,925,331)	0	(1,925,331)
Ending Balance	2,371,803	0	2,371,803

FIVE-YEAR ESTIMATED IMPACT:

	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Total Available Funds	4,100,000	0	0	0	0
Total Requirements	4,100,000	0	0	0	0
Net Budget Impact	0	0	0	0	0

ANALYSIS / ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: This action is one of four proposed Council items related to implementing Austin Water's new "GoPurple Program" to accelerate the expansion of Austin's centralized reclaimed system and onsite reuse. These are essential strategies in Austin's Water Forward plan to meet long-range needs for a secure and sustainable water future. The GoPurple CBC will fund the reclaimed water system expansion as well as incentive programs to expand the use of reclaimed water within new development projects. Austin Water's customers who are enrolled in the Customer Assistance Program (CAP) do not pay this Community Benefit Charge so their water and wastewater bills will not be impacted by this proposed increase. The impact will be a \$1.47 monthly increase for the average residential customer who is not enrolled in the CAP program.