



Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

Meeting Date: March 20, 2012

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Department Head:  Steven M. Manila, P.E., County Executive-TNR

Sponsoring Court Member: County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe

AGENDA LANGUAGE: Consider and take appropriate action on Amendment 2 to the Low-Income Repair Assistance, Retrofit, and Accelerated Vehicle Retirement Program (LIRAP).

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

The Low Income Vehicle Repair, Retrofit, and Replacement Assistance Program (LIRAP), is a county administered program that provides grant funds to qualifying individuals who own vehicles that are registered in the county and that fail a mandatory emissions inspection. LIRAP grant funds may be used for emissions-related repairs performed by a Recognized Repair Facility or to purchase a newer vehicle. The program's goals are to reduce harmful air pollution emissions in the region and to comply with the Federal Clean Air Act by removing older polluting vehicles. The county program has been in operation since September 2005.

Amendment 1 extended the term of the contract to August 31, 2013, allowing Travis County to carry-forward unspent funds for use in fiscal years 2012-2013.

Amendment 2 restricts the FY11 funds to be used in accordance with the new FY12 contract in terms of vehicle eligibility and allows counties to spend the interest money on administrative costs. Travis County is not currently accepting applications for replacement, only repairs.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

TNR recommends approval.

ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

The current National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for ozone is 75 parts per billion and will likely continue to become more stringent. Addressing the quality of emissions from vehicles is one of the primary strategies for addressing ozone in Travis County, considering that 66% of nitrogen oxides (precursors to ozone formation) result from on-road mobile sources like passenger vehicles.

FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

There will be no impact on Travis County's budget.

ATTACHMENTS/EXHIBITS:

Amendment 2

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS:

Cynthia McDonald	Financial Manager	TNR	854-4239
Steve Manilla	County Executive	TNR	854-9429

CC:

Jon White	Division Director	TNR	854-7212
Tom Weber	Env. Prog. Mgr	TNR	854-4692
Michele Gable	Financial Auditor	Auditor	854-5883
Adele Noel	Air Quality Prj. Mgr.	TNR	854-7211

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CONTRACT AMENDMENT TO THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATIVE REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (TCEQ) AND TRAVIS COUNTY

AMENDMENT NUMBER 2

Pursuant to Article 8 (AMENDMENTS) of the General Terms and Conditions of the Agreement, TCEQ and Travis County (Grantee) agree to amend Contract Number 582-9-90416-03 to update the entire Agreement in order that the remainder of the term of this Agreement is performed in accordance with the requirements of the newly issued Agreement between TCEQ and the Grantee, TCEQ Contract No. 582-12-20268.

1. In performance of this Agreement from execution of this Amendment through the Expiration Date of the Agreement, the Grantee shall perform the Grant Activities in accordance with the requirements of TCEQ Contract No. 582-12-20268. To the extent that these requirements conflict, the requirements of TCEQ Contract No. 582-12-20268 shall prevail.

2. This Amendment does not change the Expiration Date of the Agreement or extend the Period of Funds Availability for funds provided under this Agreement.

All other conditions and requirements of Contract Number 582-9-90416-03 remain unchanged and shall apply to all provisions specified herein.

TCEQ:
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

(Signature)

Grantee:
Travis County

(Signature)

Donna F. Huff
(Printed Name)

Honorable Samuel T. Biscoe
(Printed Name)

Air Quality Planning Section Manager
(Title)

Travis County Judge
(Title)

Date: _____

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