

Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor Shetter and members of the Burleson City Council

From: Lisa Duello, Director of Neighborhood Services

Date: October 19, 2009

Subject: Resolution R-1161-09, related to Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) funding made available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009.

Council Action Requested:

Approve Resolution R-1161-09 stating that the city will pursue all Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) funding made available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 and continue the city's commitment toward energy efficiency.

Background Information:

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) is providing more than \$45 million to the State Energy Conservation Office (SECO), a part of the Comptroller's office, for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) program. The money is being redistributed by SECO based on a population formula. As a result, it is currently anticipated that the City of Burleson may be eligible for \$75,000.

The purpose of the EECBG program is to provide funds to units of local and state governments, Indian tribes and territories to develop and implement projects to improve energy efficiency and reduce energy use and fossil fuel emissions in their communities.

Eligible activities include:

- Building energy audits and retrofits;
- Installation of distributed energy technologies;
- Installation of energy-efficient traffic signals and street lighting; and
- Installation of renewable energy technologies on government buildings.

In order to accept the EECBG program allocation, the City of Burleson has to agree to:

- Comply with reporting requirements under the ARRA in addition to other state and federal requirements;
- Submit a Notice of Intent form;
- Pass an official resolution accepting the funds; and
- Provide a detailed plan and budget of the project(s) and/or program(s) the city will implement and complete in an application that SECO will send.

The City of Burleson's final potential grant will be outlined in a letter that will arrive when the application is sent. After SECO receives the application, the Comptroller and the city will execute a grant agreement that contains all the requirements and obligations related to expending EECEBG funds.

In the event that there are eligible communities that chose not to accept the funds, SECO will reallocate those dollars to the participating cities and counties. So there is a possibility that the City of Burleson could be eligible for more money.

Board/Citizen Input:

N/A

Financial Considerations:

There is no expenditure of municipal funds associated with this item.

Attachments:

Resolution R-1161-09

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RESOLUTION R-1161-09

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Congress passed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 and the President signed into law on February 17th, 2009, to stimulate the economy and create jobs; and,

WHEREAS, ARRA included \$3.2 billion in funding for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants (EECBG) Program authorized in Title V, Subtitle E of the Energy Independence and Security Act (EISA) and signed into law on December 19, 2007; and,

WHEREAS, the purpose of the EECBG program is to 1) reduce fossil fuel emissions in a manner that is environmentally sustainable, and to the maximum extent practicable, maximizes benefits for local and regional communities; 2) reduce the total energy use of eligible entities; and, 3) improve the energy efficiency in the building sector, the transportation sector and other appropriate sectors; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Burleson is a city with limited financial resources and desires to support the development of energy efficiency programs; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Burleson accepts its allocation and may also accept additional funds that may become available at a later date; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Burleson has developed or is interested in developing a EECBG project, which is sustainable and has measurable energy savings, job creation and economic stimulus effects into the city; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Burleson is determined to support energy efficiency projects that leverage federal funds with other public and private resources, including coordinated efforts involving other Federal programs targeting community development; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Burleson intends to comply with all agreed upon contractual requirements of ARRA, the EECBG program and other federal and state law:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLESON, TEXAS THAT:

- 1. The City, through the City Manager, pursue all EECBG funding made available through ARRA and being allocated by the State Energy Conservation Office to be used to assist in reaching the city's goals of energy efficiency.**

- 2. The City continue its commitment toward energy efficiency for the citizens of Burleson and all of Texas.**

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2009.

Ken Shetter, Mayor

ATTEST:

Amanda McCrory, City Secretary