

Low-Income E-bike Rebate Pilot Program

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SA CLIMATE READY: A PATHWAY FOR CLIMATE ACTION & ADAPTATION



Adopted by City of San Antonio City Council
October 17, 2019



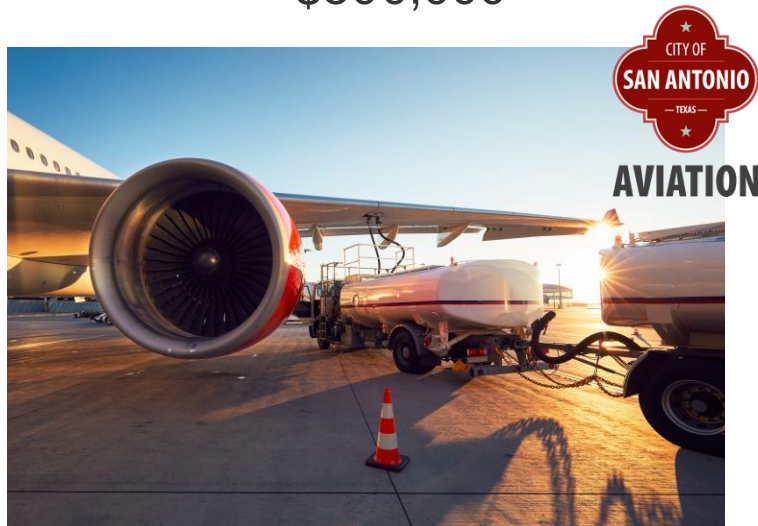
SA Climate Ready

- In 2017, the City of San Antonio City Council set a goal to become carbon neutral by 2050 & to adapt to climate impacts.
- On October 17, 2019, the City Council approved the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP).
- The major objective of the CAAP is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and address climate equity.

Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant (EECBG)

San Antonio received \$1,220,460 through the EECBG Program. The purpose of the grant is to reduce energy use, reduce fossil fuel emissions, and address inequity.

Airport Energy
Master Plan
\$500,000



Publicly-Accessible EV Chargers
at City-Owned Facilities
\$300,000



Low-Income E-bike Rebate
Pilot Program
\$244,000*



**The Office of Sustainability submitted a work plan amendment to reallocate an EECBG grant-funded staff position to add additional e-bikes to the pilot program.*

Low-income E-bike Rebate Pilot Program



- The Low-income E-bike Pilot Rebate Program will:
 - Provide 244 vouchers of \$1,000 to qualified low-income individuals or households.
 - OS is partnering with NHSD to target vouchers for income-qualified individuals that have been approved for a NHSD income-qualified program.
 - OS will solicit applications from all City Council Districts.
- \$244,000 in EECBG grant funds are being used to fund the vouchers.
- Specific e-bike models will be redeemable via voucher at Pedal Guerrero with the voucher recipient responsible for any costs over \$1,000.

Pedal Guerrero, Inc.

- Veteran-owned local business
- Owner is a certified bicycle mechanic
- Experience with vouchers during VA project

Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Org

- Street Skills provides bike safety class to program participants.
- Participants receive free helmet and bike lights at completion of the class.

National Renewable Energy Laboratory

- OpenPATH App will track e-bike usage and provide data on emissions reductions.

Program Impact and Goals



Increased Mobility

- Affordable transportation for low-income residents.
- Expanded range for users to travel to work or services.

Environmental Impact

- Reducing car usage through carbon-free transportation.

Community Benefits

- Improved cycling access and safety through training.

Scalability

- Potential for program growth and broader participation.

Fiscal Impact



- The fiscal impact of this agreement is \$244,000 over a (2) two-year period, with (1) one additional (1) one-year renewal option at no additional cost.
- Funding is available from the US Department of Energy (DOE) Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Fund.

Recommended Award



The evaluation committee met on Wednesday, October 30, 2024, and by consensus, recommends award to the sole responsive bidder Pedal Guerrero, Inc.

Staff recommends approval of the agreement with Pedal Guerrero, Inc. and authorizes the Chief Sustainability Officer or designee to accept reallocated EECBG funds without the need for further actions by the City Council, should the DOE approve reallocation of grant funds, pending an EECBG work plan amendment request.

THANK YOU!

