



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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DEPARTMENT: Building & Equipment Services

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Jorge Perez

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Governmental Alternative Fuel Fleet Grant Program (GAFF)

SUMMARY:

An ordinance accepting a grant award in an amount not to exceed \$336,600 from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality through the Governmental Alternative Fuel Fleet Grant Program to purchase electric vehicles and related recharging infrastructure.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) is awarding grants through the Governmental Alternative Fuel Fleet Grant (GAFF) to help state agencies and political subdivisions fund the replacement of their vehicle fleets to alternative fuels, including electric. Grant funds are awarded on a competitive basis with priority given to applications in the Nonattainment Areas identified on the Texas Emissions Reduction Plan. The awarding of this grant is a testament to the City of San Antonio's commitment to sustainability and signifies a major milestone in our efforts to transition to a greener municipal fleet. The GAFF program grant is specifically designed to support local governments in their transition to alternative fuel vehicles and the development of necessary charging infrastructure.

The award will enable the City of San Antonio to accelerate its progress towards upgrading the municipal fleet to electric vehicles. A commitment to electric transportation is not only important for the future growth and prosperity of the community, but will also improve air quality, reduce fuel consumption, and help mitigate greenhouse gas emissions while advancing the City of San Antonio's position as a leader in environmental stewardship.

ISSUE:

Grant funding will supplement the purchase of 18 light-duty zero emission vehicles and supporting recharging infrastructure. Vehicles identified for replacement that meet the GAFF requirements are in the Equipment Renewal & Replacement Fund and have met the requirements for replacement. Retired vehicles and equipment that meet their expected life cycle are usually sold at auction. Acceptance of this grant would require these 18 retired vehicles to be salvaged and rendered permanently inoperable thereby reducing carbon emissions and fuel consumption upon resale.

ALTERNATIVES:

Non-acceptance of the grant would forfeit the City's opportunity to leverage this award to purchase alternative fuel vehicles and charging infrastructure.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Ordinance accepting a grant award in an amount not to exceed \$336,600 from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality through the Governmental Alternative Fuel Fleet Grant Program to purchase 18 electric vehicles and related recharging infrastructure. There is no match requirement. Approval of this ordinance shall also authorize the department to accept supplemental awards in an amount up to 20% of its initial grant award without future City Council action unless the supplemental award results in a grant match.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council accept the cost reimbursement grant.