



City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 25-1560, **Agenda Item #:** 3.

9/11/2025

Posting Language

Authorize Austin Energy to issue rebates for multifamily and commercial customer energy efficiency measures during Fiscal Year 2025-2026 in the aggregate amounts of \$3,830,000 for multifamily programs and \$3,375,000 for commercial programs, for a total combined budget amount of \$7,205,000. Funding: \$7,205,000 is available in the Operating Budget of Austin Energy.

Lead Department

Austin Energy

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$7,205,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Austin Energy Operating Budget.

Prior Council Action:

September 26, 2024 - Council approved issuance of rebates for commercial and multifamily customer energy efficiency measures during Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

August 11, 2025 - Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission on an 8-0 vote with Commissioners Alvarez and Reed off the dais and Chair Tuttle absent.

August 19, 2025 - Recommended by the Resource Management Commission on a 6-0 vote with Vice Chair Robbins, Commissioners Farmer and Gerland absent, and two vacancies.

Additional Backup Information:

Austin Energy's energy efficiency rebate programs provide customer incentives to reduce energy demand and associated costs, benefiting all electric utility customers and the utility. Aggregate authority for the issuance of rebates was requested and approved in Fiscal Years 2019-2020 through 2024-2025. This authorization will allow Austin Energy to continue to issue rebates to multifamily, commercial, and small business customers during Fiscal Year 2025-2026 for energy efficiency improvements in accordance with program guidelines, up to a combined amount of \$7,205,000.

The aggregate rebate approval request reflects Austin Energy's continued commitment to be responsive and flexible to customer needs by reducing the wait time needed to be reimbursed for energy efficiency upgrades. Multifamily customers receive an average of three upgrades per unit (e.g., smart thermostats, lighting, solar screens, HVAC tune-up, etc.), helping to reduce their energy costs. New construction incentives are also available for multifamily properties pursuing passive building certification. This demonstration program will incentivize four to five affordable housing projects for predesign and post-construction milestones. The aggregate approval ensures program continuity by assuring that contractors and property managers or owners

will receive rebate funding promptly after work has been completed

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