

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM
DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM**

DEPARTMENT: Economic Development

AGENDA DATE: February 9, 2010

CONTACT PERSON/PHONE: Kathy Dodson, PhD, Director 541-4670

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All

SUBJECT:

Discussion and action on a Resolution that City Council approve amendments to the City's Green Building Grant Program and Program Guidelines, as recommended by the Economic Development Department Director.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

On September 11, 2007, the El Paso City Council approved the establishment of City of El Paso Green Building Grant Program and approved Program Guidelines. It is now being recommended that the adopted Program Guidelines be amended to allow a reduction of the minimum square footage requirement for construction, renovation, or remodeling of a project building to 5,000 square feet when the Program participant will be investing over five million dollars as a total investment for the project; in all other circumstances the minimum square footage requirement for grant eligibility shall remain at 15,000 square feet.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

On September 11, 2007, City Council adopted a resolution that established the City's Green Building Grant Program and approved Program Guidelines.

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

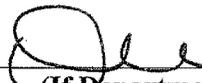
Palo Verde Performance Awards from the El Paso Electric Company (fund 07408; remaining balance of \$2,324,822)

BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:

Approved by LRC 01/26/10

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

DEPARTMENT HEAD:



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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2007, the El Paso City Council adopted a resolution that established the City's Green Building Grant Program and approved the Program Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Economic Development Department now recommends that the adopted Program Guidelines be amended to allow a reduction of the minimum square footage requirement for construction, renovation, or remodeling of a project building to 5,000 square feet when the Program participant will be investing over five million dollars as a total investment for the project; in all other circumstances the minimum square footage requirement for grant eligibility shall remain at 15,000 square feet.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

That the City's Green Building Grant Program Guidelines are hereby amended, as recommended by the Director of the Economic Development Department.

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2010.

THE CITY OF EL PASO

John F. Cook
Mayor

ATTEST:

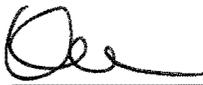
Richarda Duffy Momsen
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Marie A. Taylor
Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:



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