



STAFF REPORT
City of Dripping Springs
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Submitted By: Garrett Osborne, Grant Administrator

Council Meeting Date: 08/06/2024

Agenda Item Wording: **Approval for City Staff to Apply for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) with the State Energy Conservation Office (SECO) for Energy Conservation Improvements at Dripping Springs Ranch Park Event Center.** *Sponsor: Council Member Sherrie Parks*

Agenda Item Requestor:

Summary/Background: The City of Dripping Springs City staff are requesting approval to apply for a grant from the State Energy Conservation Office (SECO) under the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Lighting Retrofits program. The grant may fund up to \$250,000 for critical energy efficiency improvements at the Dripping Springs Ranch Park Event Center, which serves both as a community event space and as the local emergency shelter during disasters. No City match is required.

This is a reimbursement-based grant. The City will be required to submit a minimum of two reimbursement requests to SECO as part of the reimbursement request process. Awarded contracts will have a 12-month completion term, and the City must begin performance of contract on or about 8/31/2024 and be completed no later than 8/31/2025.

Recommended Council Actions: City staff recommends approval.

Next Steps/Schedule: City staff will submit the application to SECO and bring the contract back to Council if application is approved.