AN ORDINANCE 98604

RATIFYING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$68,635.00 TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION, WHICH, IF AWARDED, WILL FUND THE THIRD YEAR OF PROJECT EASE (EDUCATE, ASSESS, SERVE AND EMPOWER) OF THE VICTIMS ADVOCACY SECTION; AND AUTHORIZING A MATCH OF \$17,159.00.

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WHEREAS, \$68,635.00 in grant funds are available from the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, for funding of the third year of Project EASE (Educate, Assess, Serve and Empower) of the Victims Advocacy Section of the San Antonio Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Project EASE will utilize professional contractors, supervised and administered by current Victims Advocacy Section staff, to provide services to victims of violent crime that are deaf; and

WHEREAS, if awarded, the grant funds will also be used for the purchase of computer equipment, office and project supplies and training for project personnel; and

WHEREAS, an award of these grant funds would require a matching contribution of \$17,159.00 through existing staff time and volunteer hours; and

WHEREAS, Assistant City Manager, Christopher J. Brady, is the city official designated to be the authorized grant official; and

WHEREAS, as a result of revised application procedures implemented by the Criminal Justice Division, the grant application was not available until November 24, 2003 with a due date of December 1, 2003; and

WHEREAS, the earliest available City Council date for authorization to submit the application was December 18, 2003, and, as a result, staff was required to submit the application for timely consideration; and

WHEREAS, in the event of loss or misuse of Criminal Justice Division funds, the City of San Antonio will return all funds to the Criminal Justice Division; NOW THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. The submission of a \$68,635.00 grant application to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, for funding of Project EASE (Educate, Assess, Serve and Empower) of the Victims Advocacy Section of the San Antonio Police Department and any actions taken necessary to effect said application are hereby ratified. Assistant City Manager, Mr. Christopher J. Brady, is hereby designated as the authorized grant official. A copy of the grant application shall be kept in the Office of the Chief of Police.

SECTION 2. A matching contribution of \$17,159.00 through existing staff time and volunteer hours is hereby authorized in connection with the submission of the grant application.

SECTION 3. In the event of loss or misuse of Criminal Justice Division funds, the City of San Antonio will return all funds to the Criminal Justice Division.

SECTION 4. Funding will be accomplished by way of a subsequent Ordinance should the grant funds be awarded.

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall take effect ten days from the date of passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 18 day of December, 2003.

EDWARD D. GARZA

APPROVED AS TO FORM: My MAN