

**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
INTERDEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY INITIATIVES**

CONSENT AGENDA
ITEM NO. 13

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Dennis J. Campa, Director, Department of Community Initiatives

THROUGH: Terry M. Brechtel, City Manager

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SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF A COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT (CSBG) PERFORMANCE AWARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,840 PRESENTED BY THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS (TDHCA).

DATE: November 7, 2002

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This ordinance authorizes the acceptance of a CSBG Performance Award in the amount of \$4,840 presented by TDHCA to the Department of Community Initiatives', Community Action Division's, Success and Independence Program for successfully transitioning 45 individuals out of poverty during the CSBG 2001 Program Year.

Staff recommends the approval of this ordinance.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In August 2002, as a result of having successfully transitioned 45 individuals out of poverty during the CSBG 2001 Program Year, the Community Action Division's Success and Independence Program received a \$4,840 CSBG Performance Award presented by TDHCA. This award is an annual presentation recognizing those organizations that have successfully transitioned individuals out of poverty.

The Success and Independence Program provides long term case management to low-income individuals with the goal of assisting program participants to achieve self-sufficiency. Services provided through the program include childcare, education and employment assistance, counseling, and transportation. To provide these services, Success and Independence partners with the Literacy Centers, Alamo Area Community Colleges and trade schools.

One Program Manager and five Caseworker II employees are assigned to the program. The caseworkers are located at four of the literacy centers and the Frank Garrett Multi-Service Center. Caseworkers work with each program participant to develop an individual plan of action with the specific goal of achieving self-sufficiency, coordinating services, providing life-skills training to help participants deal with everyday challenges and monitoring the individual's progress.

Program participants must be a resident of San Antonio or Bexar County, living at or below the federal poverty guideline, actively working or pursuing an education and motivated to attain self sufficiency. The 2002 program currently has 210 participants enrolled, representing 646 family members. Of the 210 program participants, 84% (176) have furthered their education, while 29% (61) have held their current jobs for more than 90 days.

To meet TDHCA guidelines for successfully transitioning an individual out of poverty, the S&I Program participant's income must exceed the 100% federal poverty guideline for a minimum of ninety consecutive days.

POLICY ANALYSIS

This ordinance continues existing City policy to provide emergency assistance and community safety net services to low-income residents of San Antonio and Bexar County through the Community Action Program.

FISCAL IMPACT

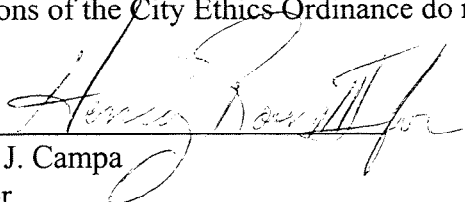
This ordinance authorizes acceptance of a CSBG Performance Award in the amount of \$4,840.00. Funds will be used within the S&I program to provide increased supportive services, including transportation, school supplies, and work related apparel. There is no General Fund commitment.

COORDINATION


Coordination has occurred with the City Attorney's Office, Finance Department, the Office of Management and Budget, and the Community Action Advisory Board.

SUPPLEMENTARY COMMENTS

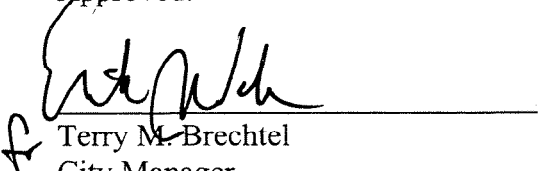
Provisions of the City Ethics Ordinance do not apply.


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