

CONSENT AGENDA
ITEM NO. **31**

**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
INTERDEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM
NEIGHBORHOOD ACTION DEPARTMENT**

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: David D. Garza, Director

THROUGH: Terry M. Brechtel, City Manager

COPIES: Jelynn LeBlanc Burley; File

SUBJECT: Acceptance of Grant Funds From Annie E. Casey Foundation

DATE: October 31, 2002

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This ordinance authorizes the acceptance of a \$20,000 award from the Annie E. Casey Foundation to the City of San Antonio Neighborhood Action Department for the acquisition of equipment, tools, and supplies necessary to implement cleanup projects requested through the Neighborhood Sweep Program and establish a community tool shed as recommended through the Community Revitalization Action Group. These items will be used in the Neighborhood Sweep Program and will be made available to community volunteers interested in undertaking beautification and cleanup projects throughout San Antonio. This ordinance will also adopt a budget for these expenditures.

Staff recommends the approval of this ordinance.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The City's Neighborhood Target Sweeps provide two weeks of intensive city services which include brush collection, code compliance, animal and vector control services, right-of-way cleanup, pot hole repair and street maintenance. The program is targeting 22 neighborhoods during FY 2003. In addition to the City services provided through the Neighborhood Sweep Program, staff is also responsible for providing and coordinating special cleanup and beautification services to the elderly and persons with disabilities. These special projects are provided through coordination and partnership with volunteer groups and area businesses / agencies. These services help special needs populations comply with various city ordinances regarding property maintenance.

In addition, staff assists Council members and community groups in coordinating special clean-up projects in neighborhoods outside selected sweep target areas. The Annie E. Casey Foundation has awarded these funds to assist the Neighborhood Action Department in furthering its efforts through the Sweep Program as well as create a community tool shed as recommended by the Community Revitalization Action Group. The tools acquired with these funds will be available to community groups on a first-come, first-serve basis.

POLICY ANALYSIS

The acceptance of this grant supports the program design adopted in the creation of the Neighborhood Sweep Program in 1997. Over 100 Sweeps have been conducted since the creation of the program, and the Department continues to look for opportunities to create community partnerships. The goals of the Neighborhood Sweep Program are to:

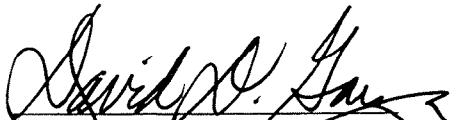
- Establish multi-departmental teams of City services and programs to serve the needs of specific communities.
- Foster better communication between residents and local government regarding services needed in neighborhoods.
- Enhance the appearance of neighborhoods.
- Promote long-term property maintenance.
- Promote and develop neighborhood-based problem solving.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund with this item. This award is for the period covered by October 1, 2002 through September 30, 2003. A final progress and expenditure report will be due to the Annie E. Casey Foundation on or before October 31, 2003. The proposed budget for this grant in the amount of \$20,000 is provided in Attachment A. The budget includes the purchase of machinery & equipment (i.e. riding mowers, push mowers, chain saws); tools and accessories (including replacement supplies for the equipment, paint & painting supplies); and maintenance & repair for equipment proposed to be purchased.

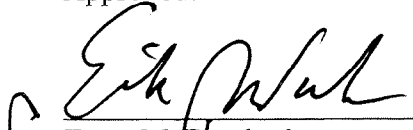
COORDINATION

This item has been coordinated with the Finance Department and the Office of Budget & Management.


David D. Garza, Director
Neighborhood Action


Jekynne LeBlanc Burley
Assistant City Manager

Approved:


Terry M. Brechtel
City Manager

NEIGHBORHOOD SWEEP PROGRAM					
FUND NO. 26-012229					
		OBJECT	INDEX		ANNUAL
ACTIVITY		CODE	CODE	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET FY 03
61-01-01		00-008	076539	ANNIECASEY FOUNDATION	\$20,000
				TOTAL	\$20,000
		OBJECT	INDEX		
		CODE	CODE	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET
61-01-01		03-232	717348	TOOLS APPARATUS & ACCESSORIES	5,000.00
61-01-01		03-243	717355	MAINTENANCE REPAIR MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT	3,000.00
			03	TOTAL COMMODITIES	8,000.00
61-01-01		05-373	717363	MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT - OTHER	12,000.00
			05	SECTION TOTALS	12,000.00
				TOTAL	20,000.00