

**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
INTERDEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE SHEET
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

**CONSENT AGENDA
ITEM NO. 31**

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Daniel V. Cárdenas, Director of Environmental Services

THROUGH: Terry M. Brechtel, City Manager

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SUBJECT: Ordinance to Accept Solid Waste Grants

DATE: October 24, 2002

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

This ordinance authorizes the City Manager or her designee to accept two (2) Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), formerly Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, Regional Solid Waste Pass-Through Grants, totaling \$167,407.00 from the Alamo Area Council of Governments (AACOG) for FY 2003. This ordinance also authorizes acceptance of any amended allocations of FY 2002 or FY 2003 grant monies that may become available.

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The TCEQ has provided statewide grants since 1992 for solid waste management projects, including local enforcement, source reduction/recycling, household hazardous waste and cleanups. Grant monies are generated by statutory solid waste fees the state imposes on all landfill disposal activities. Thereafter, the TCEQ allocates funding to the state's 24 Councils of Government. AACOG administers the pass-through grants for this region. For FY 2003, a current balance of \$197,257.00 is available for grant applications.

The two (2) grants awarded to the City are described as follows:

GPS-Based Tracking and Enforcement Program - \$69,854.00

Funds would be used for a pilot program to purchase electronic data receivers and programming to log and track violations of illegal dumping laws. Data accumulated by department supervisors will be instantaneously transmitted to the 311 and mapping databases. These databases will be used to track productivity of Environmental Services Department crews and used to determine target areas for effective deployment of resources. The data that is logged can be accessed by the Code Compliance Department to aid in investigation and enforcement efforts.

Pilot Citizen Collection Center for Bulky Trash and Recycling - \$97,553.00

Funding will be used to construct a drop-off center (citizen collection center) for brush and bulky items. This pilot program will be open to the public during quarterly Free Disposal Day events. City personnel will staff the sites that allow citizens to haul unwanted brush and bulky items for drop off. Site operations will consist of off-loading citizen's brush and bulky items into large haul trucks and transporting it to a local landfill or brush recycling site. Hours of operation for the events will be 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM. During the remainder of the year the site will be utilized by City forces to improve the operational efficiency of the brush and bulky item collection program. The target area for this site will be the south side of the city. Site selection and design are slated to begin in December 2002, with construction to begin by January 2003. The first public event will be held in conjunction with the annual Citywide Cleanup in April 2003.

All grant-financed activities are intended to carry out requirements of the Texas Solid Waste Disposal Act. This Ordinance appropriates payments for the grant items from the Environmental Services Operating Fund, which will be reimbursed upon the receipt of grant monies.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

Approval of this ordinance is consistent with City Council's policy to apply for and accept state and federal grants to support environmental protection programming efforts.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total amount of \$ 167,407.00 is to be allocated in the Environmental Services Fund. The Finance Department will assign project numbers for each grant.

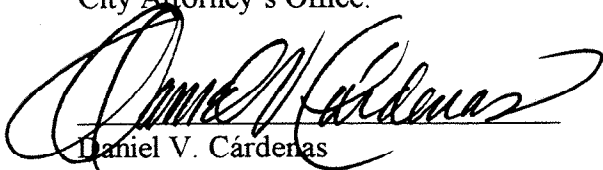
SUPPLEMENTARY COMMENTS:

Of the available FY 2003 funding available, San Antonio will receive approximately 85%. The following table describes the AACOG distribution of the funds made to date.

<i>Entity</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Project</i>
Comal County	14,850.00	Forklift for HHW Program
City of Kerrville	15,000.00	Baler for Recycling Program
City of San Antonio	69,854.00	GPS-Based Tracking & Enforcement
City of San Antonio	97,553.00	Pilot Citizen Collection Station
Total	\$197,257.00	

COORDINATION:

This Ordinance has been coordinated with the Finance Department, the Office of Management and Budget, the Code Compliance Department, the Information Technology Services Department and the City Attorney's Office.



Daniel V. Cárdenas

Director

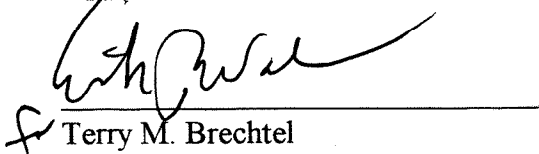
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