

**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO  
INTERDEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Mayor and City Council

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

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**SUBJECT:** **ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND IF APPROVED, THE ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$25,000 FROM THE TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT, AND THE ACCEPTANCE OF A BUDGET, PENDING AN AWARD OF GRANT FUNDING**

**DATE:** September 18, 2003

**SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

This ordinance authorizes the submission of a grant application to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and if approved, the acceptance of a grant in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 to purchase youth sports and camping equipment and to coordinate outdoor activities for programs of the Youth Services Division. This ordinance also accepts a budget, pending an award of grant funding.

Staff recommends the approval of this ordinance.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has approximately \$800,000 in funding available for statewide distribution to organizations interested in coordinating outdoor activities for specific groups, including at-risk youth, women and minorities. The grant award amount ranges from \$5,000 - \$30,000.

The goals of Youth Services are to: 1) provide young people with opportunities to increase their developmental assets, 2) prevent young people from entering the juvenile justice system and 3) intervene in the lives of young people entering the juvenile justice system to prevent further involvement.

**POLICY ANALYSIS**

The Youth Services Division will request \$25,000 to sponsor and coordinate outdoor activities for the START and Diversion programs. Day camping trips to state parks, fishing excursions, bird watching and hiking trips will be coordinated with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Funds will also be used to purchase camping, fishing, and hiking equipment, pay for admission to parks, purchase food/snacks and provide transportation in rented vans for participants. Camping and sports equipment will be a one-time purchase. Youth Services will continue to use this equipment for future years. Youth Services will also contract with professionals possessing expertise and skill in various areas involving the outdoors and

preservation of the environment. These individuals will be required to develop a curriculum to educate participants during specific activities. Youth Services will utilize wilderness parks managed by the Parks and Recreation Department to conduct day hiking trips.

The outdoor program will be offered to students participating in the Striving Together to Achieve Rewarding Tomorrows (START) and Diversion programs. Currently, four caseworkers in the START Program provide long-term, intensive case management services to students in the South San Antonio and Edgewood Independent School Districts. The program will also be offered to selected participants of the Diversion program who would benefit from this type of intervention. Five neighborhood Diversion centers provide counseling and case management for youth diverted from prosecution by the judge.

This ordinance continues current city policy to make a concerted effort to intervene in the lives of juveniles by providing prevention and early intervention services through comprehensive programming. This ordinance also supports the City's human development initiative and addresses the Department's goals of family strengthening and youth development. Funding decisions will be made by December 15, 2003 and, if awarded, funding will begin on January 1, 2004.

#### **FISCAL ANALYSIS**

This grant application requires no General Fund support.

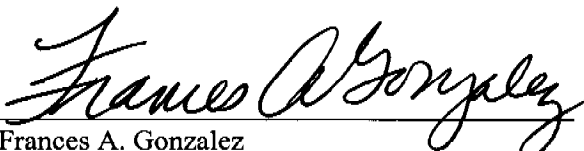
#### **COORDINATION**

The Department of Community Initiatives has coordinated with the City Attorney's Office, Finance Department, Office of Management and Budget, Parks & Recreation Department, and the Commission for Children and Families.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY COMMENTS**

Provisions of the Ethics Ordinance do not apply.

  
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Approved:

  
Terry M. Brechtel  
City Manager

**Department of Community Initiatives  
Texas Parks and Wildlife Grant  
26-XXXXXX  
January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2004**

**REVENUES:**

XXXXXX	Texas Parks and Wildlife	Budget 25,000.00
	<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>25,000.00</b>

**EXPENDITURES:****Activity 38-07-XX****INDEX CODE**

XXXXXX	Rental of Equipment (Van Rental)
XXXXXX	Fees to Professional Contractors
XXXXXX	Food
XXXXXX	Recreation Supplies

**TOTAL EXPENDITURES****OBJ CODE**

02-119	3,500.00
02-160	5,000.00
03-216	2,500.00
03-238	14,000.00
	<b>25,000.00</b>

**Fund No. 26-XXXXXX**