

INTERDEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

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: Authorizing acceptance of a \$25,000 grant from Methodist Healthcare Ministries

DATE: April 15, 2004

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This ordinance authorizes acceptance of a grant in the amount of \$25,000 from the Methodist Healthcare Ministries of South Texas, Inc. for the purpose of conducting strategic planning with community and stakeholder groups. Strategic planning efforts will determine services to be provided at the proposed City/County Senior Multi-Service and Health Center.

Staff recommends the approval of this ordinance.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In November 2003, voters passed City and County Bond Issues that authorized construction of capital projects and capital improvements. Included in the City and County Bond Issues was a budget of \$3,250,000 for the construction or acquisition of a City/County Senior Multi-Service and Health Center. The City Bond Issue authorized \$2,500,000 and the County Bond Issue authorized \$750,000 for this senior center.

The proposed 12,000 square foot senior center will be conveniently located with public transportation access points and will provide a comprehensive array of services that improve the quality of life for senior citizens. Although a specific location has not been identified, the facility will be available to all seniors in the City and County and will be unique in that it will provide services designed for and restricted to seniors only. Accordingly, Community Initiatives will use these grant funds to contract with a professional consultant, using the City's standard procurement process, to conduct a needs analysis and to develop a strategic plan to provide services to seniors that meet all identified needs.

POLICY ANALYSIS

This ordinance is a continuation of existing City policy supporting our community's safety net by improving the quality of life for senior citizens in San Antonio and Bexar County and assisting them in maintaining an independent living arrangement.

FISCAL IMPACT

This ordinance requires no general fund commitment.

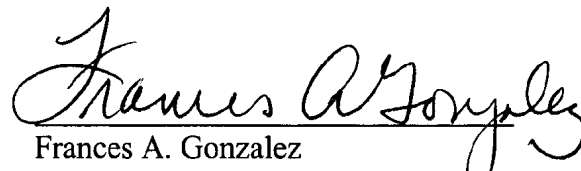
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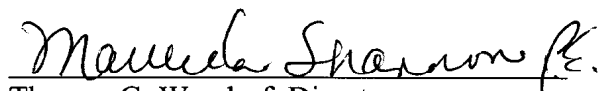
The Department of Community Initiatives has coordinated activities with City Council District 8, Public Works Department, City Attorney's Office, Office of Management and Budget, Metropolitan Health Department, Asset Management, Finance Department, and Bexar County.

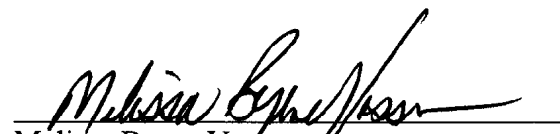
SUPPLEMENTARY COMMENTS

Provisions of the ethics ordinance do not apply.



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