

**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
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: Execution of a Contract with the San Antonio Independent School District (SAISD) for the Urban smARTS Program in one SAISD School

DATE: September 9, 2004

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This ordinance authorizes the execution of a contract in the amount of \$13,780 with the San Antonio Independent School District (SAISD) to implement the Urban smARTS Program administered by the Department of Community Initiatives at one SAISD Reconnect Learning Center, Pickett Academy Middle School, from September 13, 2004 to June 30, 2005. It also establishes a budget and personnel complement.

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Urban smARTS Program was initially made possible by a \$64,488 competitive grant award from the Criminal Justice Division and by additional funding from the City of San Antonio in 1994. The program was a research project of the Americans for the Arts, which had selected San Antonio, Portland and Atlanta as sites for art enrichment as a youth prevention/early intervention model. The program continued for a five-year period as a unique partnership between the Department of Community Initiatives, the Office of Cultural Affairs and the San Antonio Independent School District. In 1998, the City of San Antonio assumed total funding responsibility for this research-based program. The Department of Community Initiatives, Youth Services Division (YSD), has managed the administration and implementation of the program since 1999. General Fund support provided between FY98-99 and FY02-03 funded eight schools in several school districts. Contracts with SAISD allowed DCI to increase the number of schools participating in the program depending on contract funds available.

The goals of Urban smARTS are many:

- Diverting at-risk youth from the juvenile justice system
- Improving social behavior and social skills
- Increasing resiliency, i.e., the ability to bounce back from adversity or trauma
- Improving academic performance and commitment to school
- Developing art skills
- Providing opportunities for artistic performances and exhibitions
- Providing an adult mentor/role model
- Providing an after-school safe haven

Research by Caliber Associates in 2000 demonstrated that students continued to experience improved grades and attendance one year after completing the program. Prevention activities such as these are an investment in our youth and in a safer, healthier community.

POLICY ANALYSIS

This ordinance supports the City's core issues of Youth Development and Family Strengthening. It also continues current city policy to make a concerted effort to intervene in the lives of juveniles by providing prevention and early intervention services to youth through comprehensive programming. The program will be offered in only one school this fiscal year as a result of budget reductions, which eliminated the operating budget of the Urban smARTS program in FY02-03. SAISD will provide all support for this program through its Reconnect program. SAISD selected Pickett Academy Middle School, an alternative school that receives high-risk students from several schools, for this program.

Program services will include nine hours of arts enrichment activities each week with teaching artists; case management provided by caseworkers; a daily nutritional snack provided by the Parks and Recreation Department's After School Challenge Program; and daily transportation coordinated through the school districts. In addition, Youth Services caseworkers will provide one hour of life skills/character traits training weekly to build students' ability to bounce back from adversity or trauma. SAISD will identify one teacher liaison at the school to facilitate the Urban smARTS after-school program for participants. YSD proposes to serve 80 students through this SAISD contract.

This ordinance continues current City policy to prevent delinquent behavior and to make a concerted effort to intervene in the lives of juveniles by offering research-based early intervention services.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

The contract with the San Antonio Independent School District, in the amount of \$13,780, will be used to hire and train two temporary teaching artists and one temporary artist assistant; to cover the cost of the purchase of art supplies and curriculum materials to implement the Urban smARTS Program in one school identified by the district.

There is a non-cash match of \$938.80 however there is no General Fund commitment required.

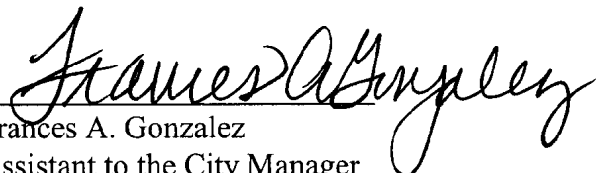
COORDINATION

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

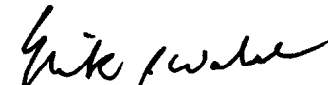
SUPPLEMENTARY COMMENTS

Provisions of the Ethics Ordinance do not apply.


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Approved:


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Department of Community Initiatives
Youth Services Division
SAISD Urban smARTS Contract
26-xxxxxx
September 13, 2004 - June 30, 2005

Index Codes	<u>REVENUES</u>	BUDGET
xxxxxx	SAISD	13,780.00
xxxxxx	City of San Antonio Match	938.80
	TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 14,718.80

<u>GRANT EXPENDITURES</u>		
38-07-12	Object Code	
xxxxxx	Fees to Prof Contractor	350.00
xxxxxx	Temp Services	8,000.00
xxxxxx	Office Supplies	5,430.00
xxxxxx	City Match	938.80
	Subtotal without COSA Match	13,780.00
	Total with COSA Match	14,718.80
	TOTAL GRANT EXPENDITURES	\$ 13,780.00