

CITY OF SAN ANTONIO NEIGHBORHOOD ACTION DEPARTMENT CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMORANDUM

TO:

Mayor and City Council

FROM:

David D. Garza, Director, Neighborhood Action Department

SUBJECT:

Acceptance of Grant Funds from Kelly USA

DATE:

November 18, 2004

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This ordinance authorizes the acceptance of a grant award in the amount of \$1,000.00 from San Antonio City Employees Federal Credit Union and the \$2,500.00 from Guaranty Bank to the City of San Antonio, Neighborhood Action Department (NAD) for the purchase supplies and equipment necessary to implement community service projects requested through the Neighborhood Target Sweep Program; establishing and approving a program budget.

Staff recommends the approval of this ordinance.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The City's Neighborhood Target Sweep Program coordinates 24 Neighborhood Sweeps each fiscal year. Two sweeps are held in each Council District, with four additional sweeps being held within the CRAG target area. Each Neighborhood Sweep brings together a wide range of comprehensive, multi-departmental teams of City services in partnership with community based organizations to address specific needs of each targeted area served. This approach provides an immediate concentration of needed services in a 50-60 block area over a two week period. NAD provides up to six months of follow up with residents to address concerns identified during the two-week Neighborhood Sweep period.

Additionally, NAD staff coordinates community service projects within each targeted area in response to community input, empowering residents to seek new avenues of neighborhood based problem solving. In FY 2004, NAD coordinated over 140 such community service projects, working with volunteers to complete over 7,000 hours of volunteer work in the community. Projects include graffiti abatement, vacant lot abatement, alley clean up, planting of trees and community gardens, and painting of homes for elderly or disabled residents.

In an effort to partner with neighborhood businesses, NAD receives in-kind donations and contributions throughout the year. These items include paint and painting supplies to complete its house-painting projects.

The contribution from the San Antonio City Employees Federal Credit Union is to be utilized for sweep activities in Districts 3 and 5. The contribution from Guaranty Bank will be used for supplies such as brushes, roller covers, paint, etc. for the elderly or disabled in our sweep neighborhoods during FY 2005.

POLICY ANALYSIS

This item is consistent with the Neighborhood Action Department's mission to identify partnerships to better serve the needs of communities and promote neighborhood revitalization. These contributions assist the Department in serving additional families through the sweeps.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund with this item. Funds will be used to purchase supplies during Fiscal Year 2004 - 2005 for sweeps within districts 3 and 5.

COORDINATION

This item has been coordinated with the City Manager's Office and the City Attorney's Office.

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