

**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY INITIATIVES
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

TO: Mayor and City Council

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

SUBJECT: Ordinance authorizing a Grant Agreement amendment for the 2001 Supportive Housing Program with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and authorizing an agreement with the San Antonio Housing Authority

DATE: January 13, 2005

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- A. This ordinance authorizes the execution of a grant agreement amendment with the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the 2001 Supportive Housing Program (SHP) to relocate 16 families from the Dwyer Avenue Center to a San Antonio Housing Authority complex. It also approves a revised budget and personnel complement for the 2001 Supportive Housing Program.
- B. This ordinance authorizes the execution of an agreement with the San Antonio Housing Authority (SAHA) for housing payments for 16 transitional housing units for the period February 1, 2005 to January 31, 2007.

Staff recommends the approval of these ordinances.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Currently, under the 2001 SHP, the City has a three-year grant agreement with HUD whereby HUD provides funding to support 16 units at the Dwyer Avenue Center for transitional homeless families. Families can reside in the Dwyer for up to 24 months while City staff and a number of other community-based organizations work with these families as they prepare to live independently. This ordinance would authorize an amendment to the HUD agreement that would reallocate \$34,176 of HUD funding from the Dwyer to pay lease costs to SAHA to support 16 families moved from the Dwyer to SAHA. Families will continue to receive all supportive services as mandated by the HUD, to include: transportation, legal assistance, counseling and access to medical services.

The 16 vacated units at the Dwyer will be utilized as emergency units for homeless families with an anticipated availability date of March 2005.

The agreement with SAHA authorizes a two-year agreement for 16 units for transitional families. The City will pay monthly rent of \$534 per apartment to SAHA for the 16 units. Residents will be assessed a monthly program fee of up to 30% of their adjusted gross income, per HUD requirement. Funds will be deposited into the Supportive Housing Program grant.

POLICY ANALYSIS

These ordinances continue existing City policy to utilize grant funds to support the City's Human Development core issues of Family Strengthening and Community Safety Net by providing transitional housing and supportive services to homeless residents of San Antonio and Bexar County. These ordinances will enable the Department of Community Initiatives to provide transitional housing to 16 families at SAHA units and to utilize the 16 vacated units at the Dwyer to provide emergency housing to homeless families. This effort is consistent with the Mayor's Task Force recommendations in the Hunger and Homelessness Ten Year Plans.

FISCAL IMPACT

The Dwyer Avenue Center was funded with 2001 Supportive Housing Funds through May 2005. Of those funds, \$34,176 will be reallocated from operations at the Dwyer Avenue Center to lease payments to SAHA for the period of February 1, 2005 to May 31, 2005. Continued funding of this program is included in the 2003 Supportive Housing Program grant proposal to HUD, pending award notification. In addition, \$90,000 in general funds and \$35,000 in Emergency Services Funds were allocated by City Council in the FY05 budget toward homeless efforts. These additional funds will defray the cost of relocating the 16 Dwyer families and will support operational expenses for the 16 family emergency units created at the Dwyer. There is no additional General Fund requirement required by these ordinances.

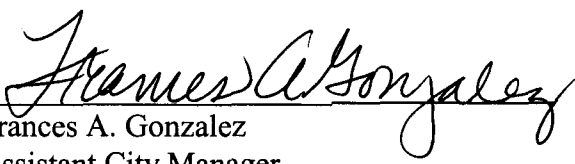
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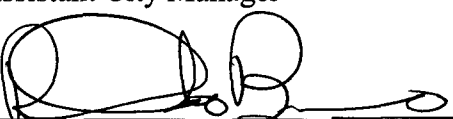
Coordination has occurred with the City Attorney's Office, Finance Department, Office of Management and Budget, San Antonio Housing Authority, and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

SUPPLEMENTARY COMMENTS

Provisions of the Ethics Ordinance do not apply.


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