

CONSENT AGENDA

CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
COMMUNITY INITIATIVES DEPARTMENT
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMORANDUM

ITEM NO. 27

TO: Mayor and City Council

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

SUBJECT: Submission of an Application for the State Criminal Justice Planning (421) Fund Grant from the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division

DATE: March 10, 2005

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This ordinance authorizes the submission of a grant application by the Department of Community Initiatives to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division for a State Criminal Justice Planning (421) Fund grant in the amount of \$236,698 to fund the Neighborhood Conferencing Committee Program for juvenile offenders referred by the Municipal Court System during the period September 1, 2005 through August 31, 2006. This ordinance also authorizes, upon award, the acceptance of the award in an amount not to exceed \$236,698, and approval of a budget and personnel complement in connection with the award.

Staff recommends the approval of this ordinance.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Department of Community Initiatives is addressing the problem of juvenile delinquency by providing prevention and early intervention services to high-risk students in San Antonio. The Neighborhood Conferencing Committee (NCC) program is a modified community justice program that utilizes neighborhood volunteers to contract with first time offenders and their families for appropriate consequences. The NCC program will continue to work with first time Class C misdemeanor offenders between the ages of 10 – 13 referred through the Municipal Court. Class C misdemeanors are the lowest level of prosecutable offenses to include theft under \$50, minor in possession of alcohol or tobacco, and third curfew violations. NCC also accepts referrals for Class B misdemeanors, such as theft under \$500, from the Bexar County Juvenile Probation Department.

Working with the Municipal Courts of San Antonio, the NCC, made up of a program counselor and volunteers from the community, initiates a relationship with the juvenile offender and establishes goals. After interviewing the clients and their families, the committee contracts with the youth for specific consequences for his/her behavior. Program counselors maintain regular contact with the youth and the family to monitor progress, serve as a liaison and advocate to

other community agencies of which the youth/family are referred to and make referrals appropriate to the contract that is established.

San Antonio first began the NCC program in March 1999 through funding from the Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant (JAIBG), which was recently renamed Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG). Grant funding through JAIBG has decreased consistently for the past two years and the amount available through the JABG grant for grant year 2005-2006 is \$55,944, representing an 80% decrease over the prior year. This decreased amount is not enough to sustain current programming and NCC has no General Fund support. Accordingly, this grant proposal is being made for additional funding via the State Criminal Justice Division to provide needed support for the NCC. Since its inception, NCC has trained 231 community volunteers and served more than 1,484 youth.

This grant request will sustain the NCC program and allow services to continue. The NCC program has worked closely with Municipal Courts over the years and developed a very strong and productive relationship. The elimination of the NCC program would limit the number of mandates available to Municipal Court judges and intervention services for young first time offenders. The NCC program is responsible for the implementation of the victim impact panels, mediation programs, and Balanced and Restorative Justice programs. Presently the NCC program is staffed with a Program Coordinator and four Program Counselors. The JABG funding for the current program will end July 31, 2005.

POLICY ANALYSIS

This ordinance continues existing city policy of supporting the City's Human Development and Family Strengthening core issue of youth development by providing prevention and early intervention services to youth in order to deter delinquent behavior.

Performance Measures:

Neighborhood Conferencing Committee Program

Output Measures	FY 2003-2004	FY 2004-2005 Projected*	Proposed 2005-2006
No. of unduplicated clients	348	329	335
No. of initial neighborhood conference committees held	240	228	250
No. of family/youth contacts	3296	2800	3000
No. of client/families attending Victim Impact Panels	173	200	250

Outcome Measures	FY 2003-2004	FY 2004-2005 Projected*	Proposed 2005-2006
% of successful completions	91%	85%	85%
%of recidivism	11%	<15%	<15%
% of positive parent/youth satisfaction surveys completed	94%	95%	95%
% of positive volunteer surveys completed	99%	99%	99%
% of positive Victim Impact Panel satisfaction surveys	88%	85%	85%

*Measures lower for FY 2004-05 due to average vacancy of 1 FTE position

FISCAL IMPACT

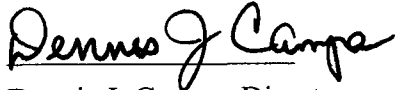
This ordinance requires no General Fund commitment. Requested grant funds will allow NCC to maintain operations in their current state.

COORDINATION

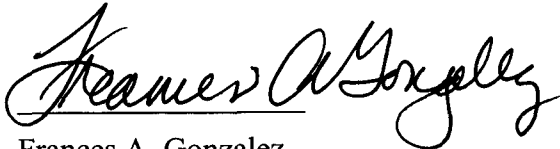
The Department of Community Initiatives has coordinated with the Juvenile Crime Enforcement Coalition, Municipal Courts, City Attorney's Office, Finance Department, Office of Management and Budget, Commission for Children and Families, Greater San Antonio Crime Prevention Commission and the Youth Commission.

SUPPLEMENTARY COMMENTS

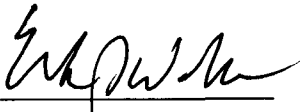
Provisions of the City's Ethics Ordinance do not apply.



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CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
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Neighborhood Conferencing Committee 2005-2006

Fund No: To be Established Upon Award

REVENUES	BUDGET
Criminal Justice Division 421 Grant	\$236,698.00
TOTAL REVENUES	\$236,698.00

Internal Order #: To be Established Upon Award

GRANT EXPENDITURES	G/L Account	TOTAL
Reg Salaries	5101010	\$142,142.00
FICA	5103005	\$10,874.00
TMRS	5105010	\$16,233.00
Flex Benefits	5104030	\$24,520.00
Life Insurance	5103010	\$213.00
Personal Leave Buy Back	5103035	\$2,800.00
Mail & Parcel Post	5205010	\$1,358.00
Rental of Office Equipment	5205020	\$2,508.00
Pagers, Mobile Phones	5403030	\$48.00
Rental of Facilities	5206010	\$11,586.00
Travel - Official	5207010	\$1,200.00
Transportation Expenses	5103055	\$2,400.00
Gas and Electricity	5404530	\$2,300.00
Automatic Data Processing Fees	5403520	\$360.00
Office Supplies	5302010	\$1,850.00
Computer Software	5304075	\$312.00
Computer Equipment	5709050	\$2,416.00
Indirect - 7% of Personnel	5406530	<u>\$13,578.00</u>
	Total	\$236,698.00

Criminal Justice Planning (421) Grant
09/01/05 - 08/31/06
Neighborhood Conferencing Committee 2005-2006

Personnel Complement

<u>Job</u> <u>Class</u>	<u>Positions</u>	<u>Number</u> <u>Authorized</u>	<u>Added/</u> <u>Deleted</u>	<u>Revised</u> <u>Authorized</u>
0915	Program Coordinator	0	1	1
0914	Program Counselor	0	1	1
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	Total Positions	0	5	5