

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

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Dennis J. Campa, Director

SUBJECT: Human Development Services Funds Transfer from Family SAVE Individual Development Account to the San Antonio Education Partnership

DATE: May 5, 2005

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This ordinance amends Ordinance Number 100652, passed and approved on April 7, 2005, by rescinding the transfer of funds from the Council District 9 Human Development Services Fund to the Department of Community Initiatives Family SAVE Individual Development Account (IDA) in the amount of \$50,000, and authorizes the execution of a funding agreement with the San Antonio Education Partnership (SAEP) in the amount of \$50,000 to provide scholarships to students who are City residents attending Winston Churchill High School, Ronald Reagan High School and Alamo Heights High San Antonio School through September 30, 2005. The ordinance also approves a revised Families SAVE IDA budget.

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

On April 7, 2005, City Council passed and approved Ordinance Number 100652 authorizing the transfer of \$50,000 from the Council District 9 Human Development Services Fund to the Department of Community Initiatives Family SAVE Individual Development Account (IDA) reserve account for use as match funding for scholarships through the IDA program. Council District 9 now requests that the funds be reallocated to the SAEP for the award of scholarships to students who are City residents attending Winston Churchill High School, Ronald Reagan High School and Alamo Heights High School. Accordingly, the requested action requires that the April 7, 2005 Ordinance be amended to rescind the transfer of funds to the IDA reserve account and authorize execution of a Funding Agreement with the SAEP in the amount of \$50,000.

The San Antonio Education Partnership is currently in its 16th year as a high school success and college access program. The program focuses on providing services to students that improve high school attendance, enhance academic performance, promote high school graduation, increase college enrollment and strengthen San Antonio's work force.

Students attending one of the participating SAEP schools and who satisfy eligibility criteria will have an opportunity to receive a Partnership scholarship during the Fall 2005 semester. Students can use scholarships for up to eight semesters at local colleges or universities. Scholarship

amounts vary depending on the college a student attends and are as follows: \$1,000/yr at a private 4-year university; \$500/yr at a public 4-year university; and \$350/yr at a 2-year college.

POLICY ANALYSIS

This ordinance continues existing policy supporting the City's Human Development and Workforce Development efforts. The SAEP encourages students to stay in school and pursue college while providing scholarships as incentives.

In FY 04, the Partnership provided services to 21, 731 students in grades 9-12 enrolled in 15 high schools. Of that number, 4,551 were participating seniors who signed Commitment to Academic Excellence form and therefore pledge to meet the eligibility criteria of 95% attendance and a "B" grade point average.

FISCAL IMPACT

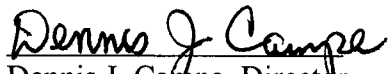
This ordinance reallocates Council District 9 Human Development Services Fund of \$50,000. There is no additional General Fund commitment required.

COORDINATION

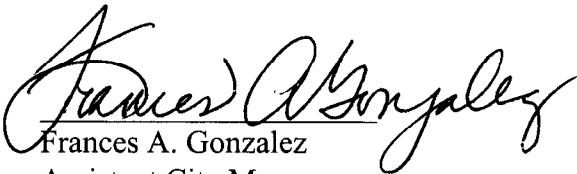
The Department of Community Initiatives coordinated with the office of Council District 9, the San Antonio Education Partnership, Office of Management and Budget, City Attorney's Office and the Finance Department.

SUPPLEMENTARY COMMENTS

Provisions of the Ethics Ordinance do not apply.



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