

CONSENT AGENDA
ITEM NO. 17

**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: Application for the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant from the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division

DATE: April 7, 2005

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This ordinance authorizes the submission of a continuation grant application to and, upon award, the acceptance of the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant from the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, in the amount up to \$55,944 to support the Striving Together to Achieve Rewarding Tomorrows (START) Program in the South San Antonio Independent School District for the period beginning August 1, 2005 to July 31, 2006. The ordinance also approves a budget and personnel complement.

Staff recommends the approval of this ordinance.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Juvenile Accountability Block Grant is an entitlement grant from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention through the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division. CASASTART, an exemplary program from Columbia University's National Center for Addiction and Substance Abuse (CASA), seeks to divert at-risk youth from delinquent behaviors into more positive behaviors by providing intensive, long-term case management and family supports. CASA has approximately 60 sites across the country engaged in the START program. The Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence selected the CASASTART program as a Promising Program and the Department of Education and the Expert Panel on Safe, Disciplined, and Drug-Free Schools identified CASASTART as an Exemplary Program. Additionally, it has been endorsed by the *Surgeon General's Youth Violence Report*.

Locally, the Striving Together to Achieve Rewarding Tomorrows (START) program is operational in four schools in the South San Antonio and Edgewood Independent School Districts and is funded under the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant. Community Initiatives has operated START since March 1999. The program targets 60 students identified by school personnel as being the most likely to drop out of school, to involve themselves in substance

abuse, and/or to become involved with the juvenile justice system. The focus of the program is to deliver services to youth and the family using a holistic approach to meet immediate as well as long-term needs.

START is a unique collaboration of the Department of Community Initiatives, San Antonio Police Department, South San Antonio ISD, Edgewood ISD, South San Antonio ISD Police Department, Communities-in-Schools and other social service agencies. This grant will allow us to sustain the program at a lower level than previous due to a significant reduction in funds allocated.

This grant will allow DCI to sustain the START program in the South San Antonio Independent School District (SSAISD). The two schools that will be sustained are Athens Elementary School and Dwight Middle School in SSAISD. In addition to South San ISD, we will also partner with Communities-in-Schools and other local social service agencies on the southside for services.

To compensate for the significant decrease in funding for this program, DCI is also applying for funding through the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Program and is also seeking funding via federal Title V funds allocated through the Office of the Governor. This grant will allow us to serve 30 students in the two schools.

POLICY ANALYSIS

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

Performance Measures:

CASASTART

Output Measures	Grant Year 2003-04	Grant Year 2004-05 Est.	Grant Year 2005-06 Proj.
No. Unduplicated Clients	83	80	40
No. of Family Activities	22	23	12
Outcome Measures	Grant Year 2003-04	Grant Year 2004-05 Est.	Grant Year 2005-06 Proj.
Improvement in Grades	65.6%	50%	60%
Improvement in Attendance	58.6%	70%	70%
Service –Learning Hours	722	750	400

Of students involved in the program, 70% are in the second or subsequent year of service. Most of these were expected to fail their current grade when admitted to the program. Of these students, 50% are showing an improvement in grades and no one is currently failing.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

This grant application requests funds in the amount of \$55,944. There is a ten percent certified cash match requirement of \$6,216. This amount is budgeted and available in the Department's FY 2004-2005 General Fund budget. The program budget reflects CJD-approved indirect costs to the City, which is 5 percent of the all direct costs except equipment. This program has been funded for six

years with a significant decrease in funding for Grant Year 2006. The current year funding level is \$345,848 with the projected allocation for the upcoming year totaling \$55,944. The reduced funding for Grant Year 2006 to \$55,944 reflects a decrease in federal funding available from this source.

COORDINATION

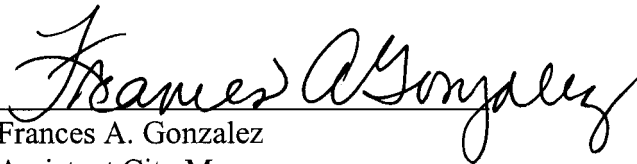
The Department of Community Initiatives has coordinated with the Juvenile Crime Enforcement Committee, San Antonio Police Department, City Attorney's Office, Finance Department, Office of Management and Budget, South San Antonio Independent School District, Commission for Children and Families, Greater San Antonio Crime Prevention Commission and the Youth Commission.

SUPPLEMENTARY COMMENTS

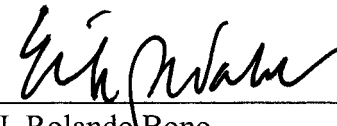
Provisions of the City's Ethics Ordinance do not apply.



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CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
 Department of Community Initiatives
 Year 7

REVENUES		BUDGET
Juvenile Accountability Block Grant		\$55,944
In-Kind		\$6,216
TOTAL REVENUES		\$61,888

GRANT EXPENDITURES	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL
Reg Salaries	5101010	\$38,651.00
FICA	5103005	\$2,957.00
TMRS	5105010	\$4,414.00
Flex Benefits	5104030	\$4,908.00
Life Insurance	5103010	\$58.00
Mail & Parcel Post	5205010	\$50.00
Pagers, Mobile Phones	5403030	\$90.00
Car Expense Allowance	5103055	\$486.00
Automatic Data Processing Fees	5403520	\$600.00
Office Supplies	5302010	\$661.00
In-Direct 5% (excluding equipment)		\$2,797.00
In-Kind		\$6,216.00
	TOTAL	\$61,888.00
	Variance	\$0.00

JABG Year VII 2005-2006**08/01/05 - 07/31/06****Fund No.:** To be established upon award**Personnel Complement**

<u>Job</u> <u>Class</u>	<u>Cost</u> <u>Element*</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	2	1	1
0971		Caseworker II	2	2	0
0914		Program Counselor	4	4	0
0985		Case Aide	1	1	0
Total Positions			9	8	1

*To be established upon award