

**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

CONSENT AGENDA
ITEM NO. 43

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Daniel V. Cárdenas, Director of Environmental Services

SUBJECT: Solar Fest Funding through Solar San Antonio

DATE: November 3, 2005

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This Ordinance authorizes one-time funding in FY 2006 in an amount not to exceed \$15,000 to Solar San Antonio, a non-profit organization, to support its solar energy public outreach efforts.

Staff recommends approval of this Ordinance.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Solar San Antonio's mission is to decrease energy costs and improve the quality of life for all people in the San Antonio area. The goal is to bring about the widespread use of solar and other renewable and sustainable energy sources. Solar San Antonio facilitates the implementation of renewable energy technologies in affordable housing, schools, and other buildings by educating the public and local decision makers. Some of their activities include:

- Solar Fest, an annual showcase of renewable energy technology;
- An annual Renewable Energy Teacher Workshop for Secondary Science and Math Teachers, and;
- Solar Water Heating Workshops and Installations with the Alamo Community College District (ACCD) SW Campus and the Brooks Energy and Sustainability Lab (BESL)

In FY 04-05 the City funded the Solar Fest at \$15,000. The purpose of this proposed \$15,000 is to support the 2006 Energy Smart Schools Conference to be held in San Antonio, Texas. City staff will assist Solar San Antonio with their efforts in obtaining value pricing for the venue, catering, etc., as well as providing in-kind services such as printing. The actual cost of this event, as evidenced by receipts, Purchase Orders, or other suitable documentation, will be funded by this ordinance, up to \$15,000.

POLICY ANALYSIS

Funding Solar San Antonio is consistent with the City Council's direction to support energy efficiency programs and promote regional awareness of alternative energy.

FISCAL IMPACT

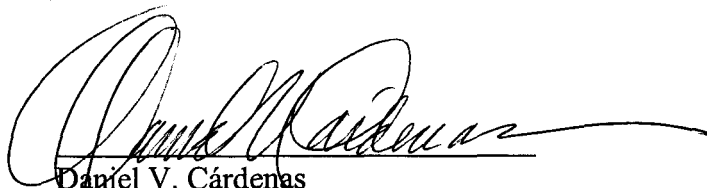
The FY 2005 Budget included \$100,000 within the General Fund to support what has been an annual agency contribution to the San Antonio Metropolitan Partnership for Energy (MPE). This agency, like Solar San Antonio, provides San Antonio with energy efficiency awareness projects and public outreach. As the result of an analysis of MPE's financial statements and recognition

that the MPE had a large fund balance, the payment for services to MPE for FY 2005 was postponed. General Fund budgeted funds in FY 2005 of \$100,000 subsequently were carried forward into the FY 2006 Budget. Additionally, the FY 2006 Budget includes \$100,000 for MPE agency payment for FY 2006.

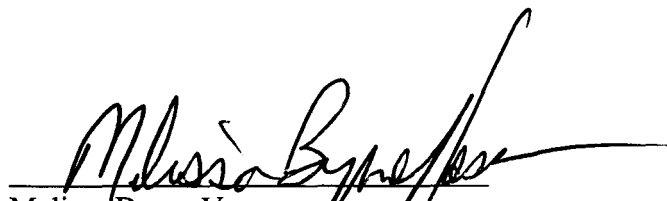
Staff recommends using \$15,000 of the \$100,000 funds that were carried forward for MPE's FY 2005 agency service payment to provide funding for similar services to be provided by Solar San Antonio in FY 2006. The remaining \$85,000 in carry-forward funds will remain within the General Fund pending final resolution of the City Auditor's report on the MPE's financial statements and identification of deliverables working in conjunction with the funding partners which include Bexar County, SAWS, CPS Energy and the City.

COORDINATION


This request for Ordinance has been coordinated with the City Attorney's Office and the Office of Management and Budget.



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