

**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Ramiro A. Cavazos, Director, Economic Development Department

SUBJECT: Acceptance of Funds from the Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce

DATE: November 10, 2005

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

This ordinance authorizes the City Manager to accept \$51,890.27 in funds from the Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce as the Administrative Agent for the San Antonio Military Missions (SAMM) Task Force. This refund constitutes the City's fair share of unused funds remaining in the account of the SAMM Task Force, which led the community's efforts in preparing for the 2005 round of Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC).

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

To prepare for BRAC 2005, the City partnered with the Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce, Bexar County, and CPS Energy to establish the San Antonio Military Missions (SAMM) Task Force. The City provided the Task Force \$125,000 in FY 2004 and \$75,000 in FY 2005 for a total of \$200,000. The Task Force also received funding in FY 2004/2005 from the Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce (\$225,000), Bexar County (\$100,000), and CPS Energy (\$100,000) to help implement a community-wide BRAC strategy.

The BRAC 2005 recommendations are expected to become law on November 7, 2005. Now that the mission of the Task Force has ended, the SAMM Executive Steering Committee, has voted to return a fair share of the remaining funds in the SAMM account to each of the contributing entities. The City's fair share refund is \$51,890.27.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

In the San Antonio region, there are currently three active military installations including: Fort Sam Houston and Camp Bullis, Randolph Air Force Base, and Lackland Air Force Base. The military also continues to maintain a significant presence of missions and personnel in leased facilities at KellyUSA and Brooks City-Base. These local military missions and bases collectively provide the community approximately 89,000 local jobs and an annual economic impact of about \$5 billion. The military also plays a key role in promoting growth in many of the City's targeted industries, such as health care, the biosciences and information technology.

Therefore, the retention and expansion of our military bases and missions remains a key element in the City's Strategic Plan for Economic Development.


As a result of BRAC 2005, the City will benefit from a net gain of approximately 3,600 new jobs and about \$3 billion in capital investment at our local military bases over the next 3-5 years. Most of the growth and investment will occur at Fort Sam Houston and Lackland Air Force Base in the areas of medical care and research. These changes are expected to greatly enhance existing medical partnerships and facilitate continued growth in the City's targeted industry of health care and biosciences.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The \$51,890.27 will be deposited in the General Fund.

COORDINATION:

The Economic Development Department (EDD) staff has coordinated this item with the City Attorney's Office, Finance Department and the Office of Management and Budget.



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