

CONSENT AGENDA
ITEM NO. 37

**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Malcolm Matthews, Director, Parks and Recreation Department

SUBJECT: Funding Agreement for the San Antonio Botanical Garden Conservatory

DATE: January 5, 2006

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This ordinance authorizes the execution of a Funding Agreement with the San Antonio Botanical Center Society for the expenditure of up to \$500,000.00 from one-time General Fund dollars for facility infrastructure improvements at the San Antonio Botanical Garden Conservatory, located in Council District 9.

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In the FY06 Annual Budget, City Council authorized the use of one-time General Fund dollars totaling \$1,864,300.00 for facility infrastructure improvements at the Sunken Garden Theater, Japanese Tea Garden, San Antonio Botanical Garden Conservatory, and the Witte Museum's Ruiz House and Tree House. The action specified that City funds would provide a challenge-match initiative to leverage funds from the private sector.

This agreement will provide funding of \$500,000.00 to the San Antonio Botanical Center Society, a non-profit organization. City funds will be utilized for capital infrastructure improvements at the Botanical Garden Conservatory. The Society is required to provide a match equal to 50% of the City funds. Funds may be utilized for design, renovation and construction, and building materials associated with these improvements. The San Antonio Botanical Center Society will accept full responsibility to manage and provide all of the activities and services necessary to satisfactorily complete the project.

POLICY ANALYSIS

This agreement is consistent with the City's policy to enter into agreements with other public or non-profit entities to assist with projects that benefit the citizens of San Antonio.

FISCAL IMPACT

The use of General Fund monies in the amount of \$500,000.00 was approved in the FY06 Annual Budget adopted on September 15, 2005. San Antonio Botanical Center Society must prove availability of matching funds by December 31, 2006. Funds will be expended on a reimbursement basis with the project to be completed on or before December 31, 2007.

COORDINATION

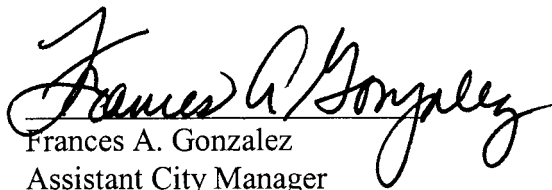
This item has been coordinated with the City Attorney's Office, the Office of Management and Budget, and the Finance Department.

SUPPLEMENTARY COMMENTS

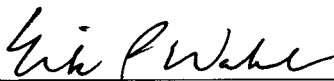
A Discretionary Contracts Disclosure Form is not required.



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