

**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO  
FINANCE DEPARTMENT  
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

CONSENT AGENDA

ITEM NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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**TO:** Sheryl Sculley, City Manager

**FROM:** Ben Gorzell Jr., CPA, Acting Director of Finance

**SUBJECT:** An Ordinance Ratifying the Acceptance, Transfer, and Appropriation of FEMA Public Assistance Grant Funds

**DATE:** February 16, 2006

**SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

An Ordinance ratifying the acceptance, transfer, and appropriation of Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) Public Assistance grant funds for the purpose of reimbursing the City of San Antonio and organizations within the City's local jurisdiction for expenses incurred in support of the relief effort for Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Approval of this Ordinance is recommended.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The influx of thousands of evacuees from Gulf Coast states due to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita overwhelmed the local capacity of shelters operated by volunteer agencies, which required the State of Texas and the City of San Antonio to act in a humanitarian fashion to meet anticipated sheltering needs. A Presidential declaration for the State of Texas, FEMA-3216-EM, was declared making Federal assistance immediately available to the State of Texas and local governments for 100% of the eligible costs incurred to provide shelter and care to Hurricane Katrina and Rita evacuees.

On September 1, 2005, City Council approved the passage of Emergency Ordinance No. 101348 which authorized the City Manager and staff to take necessary actions and expend local public funds to support the hurricane relief effort. FEMA authorized the City of San Antonio to be reimbursed for eligible expenses incurred within two categories: shelter expenses and interim housing expenses. City staff has worked closely with FEMA representatives in preparing requests for FEMA reimbursement and all reimbursement requests were reviewed by a FEMA Public Assistance Officer before being submitted.

**POLICY ANALYSIS**

The proposed Ordinance ratifies the acceptance of FEMA Public Assistance grant funds and authorizes staff to make the required appropriations to reimburse the City and other organizations for eligible expenses incurred in support of the hurricane relief efforts. Attachment A provides a summary of these estimated eligible expenses and FEMA funds received to date.

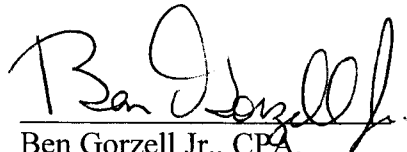
### **FISCAL IMPACT**

No financial impact to the City of San Antonio is anticipated.

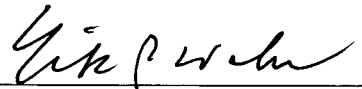
### **COORDINATION**

The Finance Department has coordinated with the Office of Management and Budget, City Manager's Office, and the City Attorney's Office.

### **SUPPLEMENTARY COMMENTS**



Ben Gorzell Jr., CPA,  
Acting Director, Finance



Erik Walsh  
Assistant City Manager

Approved for Council Consideration:



Sheryl Sculley  
City Manager

# Attachment A

## Hurricane Relief Effort

Summary Information -Updated February 9, 2006

### COSA Costs & Eligible Reimbursements

COSA Total Estimated Costs:	\$21,823,181	
Support Organizations Estimated Costs:	\$6,440,631	
Total Costs**:	\$28,263,812	100%
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Total Reimbursed:	\$14,726,074	52%
Amount Approved by FEMA*:	\$10,709,976	38%
Total Cost Outstanding:	\$2,827,763	10%

\*FEMA approved reimbursement of these funds on January 20, 2006. COSA expects to receive these funds before February 20, 2006.

\*\*Includes 1.5M estimated cost of housing evacuees for March 2006.

*Note: The City is still incurring costs and reviewing past estimates: Expenses are Estimates Based On Current Data. FEMA has requested that the City incur cost for interim housing until March 31, 2006.*