

**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
SAN ANTONIO METROPOLITAN HEALTH DISTRICT
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Fernando A. Guerra, MD, MPH, Director of Health

SUBJECT: Environmental Health and Wellness Center Program

DATE: February 2, 2006

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This ordinance authorizes the City Manager to accept a grant award which provides new funds of \$317,440.00 from the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) for the ongoing Environmental Health and Wellness Center (EHWC) Program in the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District (SAMHD) and carryover year 02 unobligated funds of \$98,843.00, for a total of \$416,283.00 for the period September 30, 2005 through September 29, 2006. This ordinance will also adopt the program budget and authorize payments for contractual services.

Staff recommends approval.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

A number of residents living near the former KAFB and former KAFB workers have reported health problems such as rashes, headaches, nosebleeds, cancer, nervous disorders and chronic diseases (i.e. diabetes and lupus). A significant number of these residents believe that chemical exposures from the former KAFB have been the cause of these health effects. Data gathered and analyzed by federal, state and local agencies have not demonstrated a link at this time. However, residents in neighborhoods near KAFB as well as former KAFB workers still have health concerns that need to be investigated.

In order to address these concerns, the SAMHD Environmental Health and Wellness Center (EHWC) was established through an ordinance passed and approved November 2, 2000. Initial funding for the Center was obtained through the Texas Department of Health. However, since September 30, 2001, the program has been supported through a grant from ATSDR. This ordinance will authorize the acceptance of an ATSDR grant award offering \$317,440.00 and carryover year 02 unobligated funds of \$98,843.00, for a total of \$416,283.00.

Since its inception, the EHWC has performed 1,906 clinical health assessments of the residents in neighborhoods near KAFB and former KAFB workers. Now, in addition to a letter campaign inviting KAFB area residents into the clinic, EHWC staff is going door-to-door in the neighborhoods offering health assessments in the home. To date 1,047 homes within the targeted area have been canvassed twice resulting in 135 health assessments being completed. Three different neighborhoods have been assessed.

The EHWC also has been serving participants at a Senior Nutrition Project in the target area since October 2004 and has completed 484 personal health assessments with these individuals. The assessments include blood pressure check, health counseling, medicine review, home safety recommendations, and checks for cholesterol, glucose, and hemoglobin. Referrals are also made when required.

The personnel complement will be increased by .50 FTE to improve administrative support (Administrative Assistant I) needed by the program to maintain the patient database. Payments for contractual services will continue to be made for contract respiratory therapists, physicians, registered nurses, sanitarians, epidemiologists, health educators and outside laboratories on a fee-for-service basis as needed.

POLICY ANALYSIS

This ordinance follows the City practice of utilizing Federal, State and other funds to provide public health services for the residents of our community.

FISCAL IMPACT

This ordinance will allow the City to accept \$416,283.00 for the EHWC for the period September 30, 2005 through September 29, 2006.

COORDINATION

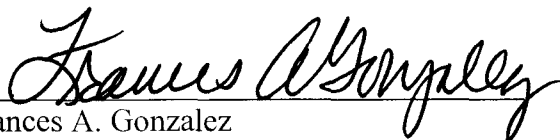
This request for ordinance has been coordinated with the City Attorney's Office, the Human Resources Department, the Office of Management and Budget, and the Finance Department.

SUPPLEMENTARY COMMENTS

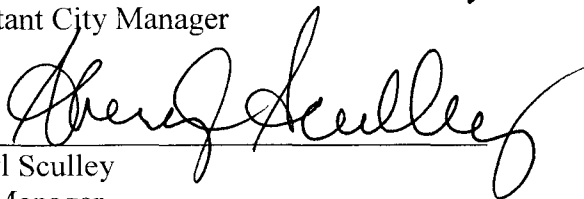
Provisions of the Ethics Ordinance do not apply.



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Attachment I
Environmental Health and Wellness Center Program 2005-06
Fund 26022000
Fund Center 3611080000
Budget for period: September 30, 2005 through September 29, 2006

<u>ESTIMATED REVENUES</u>	<u>SAP GL No.</u>	<u>CURRENT BUDGET</u>	<u>ADD (DEDUCT)</u>	<u>REVISED BUDGET</u>
Centers for Disease Control Prevention (ATSDR) H75/ATH672047-03	4501100	\$ 317,440		317,440
Carryforward from H75/ATH672047-03-1	4501100		98,843	98,843
Total Estimated Revenues		\$ 317,440	98,843	416,283

APPROPRIATIONS

Activity: 36-11-08
Cost Center 3611080002
Internal Order 136000000294

Regular Salaries & Wages	5101010	62,500		62,500
Social Security	5103005	6,295		6,295
Life Insurance	5103010	122		122
Personal Leave Buy Back Pay	5103035	391		391
TMRS	5105010	9,560		9,560
Education/Training	5201025	6,260		6,260
Fees to Professional Contractors	5201040	146,724	68,843	215,567
Membership Dues & Licenses	5203050	500		500
Binding, Printing & Reproduction	5203060	1,000		1,000
Subscriptions to Publications	5203070	500		500
Maintenance & Repair - Bldgs & Improvements	5204050	215		215
Rental of Equipment	5204070	12,000		12,000
Maintenance & Repair - Auto	5204090	700		700
Mail and Parcel Post Service	5205010	500		500
Rental of Office Equipment	5205020	1,740		1,740
Travel-Official	5207010	10,000		10,000
Alarm & Security Services	5208530	645		645
Office Supplies	5302010	2,000		2,000
Food	5304010	500		500
Chemicals, Medical & Drugs	5304040	20,000		20,000
Computer Software	5304075	1,600		1,600
Communications: Telephones	5403010	9,000		9,000
Pagers	5403030	90		90
Cellular Phones	5403040	1,200		1,200
Automatic Data Processing Services	5403520	4,560		4,560
Motor Fuel & Lubricants	5403545	1,200		1,200
Vehicle Management Fee	5404510	90		90
Software Licenses	5404520	1,000		1,000
Workers' Disability Compensation	5405020	229		229
Group Health Insurance	5405040	8,561		8,561
Indirect Cost	5406530	7,758		7,758
Machinery & Equipment - Other	5709060	0	30,000	30,000
Total Appropriations		\$ 317,440	98,843	416,283

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Cost Center 3611080002
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Class No.	Title	Previous Positions	Add (Deduct)	Revised Positions
0040	Administrative Assistant I (.50 FTE)	0	1	1
0244	Senior Public Health Nurse	1	0	1
0985	Case Aide	1	0	1
	Total:	2	1	3