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

TO:

Sheryl Sculley, City Manager

FROM:

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

SUBJECT:

Breast Cancer Screening Project

DATE:

March 2, 2006

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This ordinance authorizes the City Manager to accept and execute a grant contract totaling \$82,744.00 from the San Antonio Affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, Inc. to continue support for the ongoing breast cancer detection and case management program in the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District for the period October 1, 2005 through September 30, 2006. This ordinance will also adopt the program budget, approve the personnel complement, and approve payments to private physicians for contractual services in connection with this project.

Staff recommends approval.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The SAMHD operates a breast health program with components that include clinical breast health examinations, health education related to early detection of breast cancer, and free screening mammography for uninsured, low-income women. Additionally, the program provides diagnostic procedures and physician consultation and nurse case management for women with abnormal findings. This program is supported through grants received from the San Antonio Affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, Inc., the Texas Department of State Health Services (TDSHS), and the Cancer Therapy and Research Center (CTRC).

The District has been receiving annual grants from Komen's San Antonio Affiliate since 1998 to operate the breast cancer detection and case management program. This organization has now offered a grant contract in the amount of \$82,744.00 that will renew the ongoing breast cancer detection and case management project in the SAMHD for the period October 1, 2005 through September 30, 2006. This is a reduction of \$17,256.00 from fiscal year 2004-05 due largely to a desire by Komen to spread funding to more agencies. The personnel complement of this project will be two (2) staff, a reduction of one (1) position. The position being reduced is currently vacant. Funding is also included for contract physician and facility fees to provide confirming diagnoses and follow up for patients referred by the project.

POLICY ANALYSIS

Acceptance of this grant award follows the City policy of utilizing Federal, State and other aid to support local public health programs. With these Komen funds, combined with TDSHS and CTRC, over 400 women will receive breast cancer detection and case management services through SAMHD who would not have been able to afford them otherwise.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

This ordinance will provide \$82,744.00 to support the Komen Breast Cancer Screening Project 2005-2006 in the SAMHD through September, 2006.

COORDINATION

The City Attorney's Office and the Human Resources Department, Risk Management Division have reviewed and approved the grant contract with the Komen Foundation. This item has been coordinated with the Office of Management and Budget and the Finance Department.

SUPPLEMENTARY COMMENTS

Provisions of the Ethics Ordinance do not apply.

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Approved for Council Consideration:

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