

CONSENT AGENDA
ITEM NO. 16

**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 Screening Project

DATE: March 16, 2006

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This ordinance authorizes the City Manager to accept a grant award totaling \$40,000.00 from the Cancer Therapy and Research Center (CTRC) to renew support for the ongoing Breast Cancer Screening Program in the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District from October 1, 2005 through March 30, 2006. In addition, this ordinance adopts the program budget, approves the personnel complement, and authorizes payments for contractual services.

Staff recommends approval.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The SAMHD operates a breast health program with components that include clinical breast examinations, training for women to do monthly self-breast examinations, free mammograms for uninsured low-income women 40 years old or older, and nurse case management for women with abnormal mammogram findings. This program is partially supported through a grant from CTRC, a local, non-profit corporation working to eradicate cancer as a life-threatening disease by advancing research, education, screening and treatment. CTRC has now offered a grant award totaling \$40,000.00 to continue financial support of this ongoing SAMHD program. This grant will augment funds that are available for the breast health program received from the Texas Department of State Health Services and the Komen Foundation. For this grant cycle, CTRC is offering a six (6) month award period due to a decrease in revenues from the Center's annual run/walk fund raiser held in September, 2005. Additional funding will be considered, if funds are available.

Through CTRC funding, SAMHD will provide free mammograms and diagnostic follow-up for approximately 150 uninsured low-income women. SAMHD handles all screening mammograms, diagnostic medical services and physician consultations through off-site professional contracts on a fee-for-service basis.

This grant partially funds one (1) Accountant II position (.15 FTE), who processes medical claims in a timely manner and assures the accuracy of charges. In addition, this grant supports authorized medical services and facilities on a fee-for-service basis to provide breast screening and diagnosis for patients requiring follow up.

POLICY ANALYSIS

Acceptance of this grant award follows the City policy of utilizing Federal, State and other aid to support local public health programs.

FISCAL IMPACT

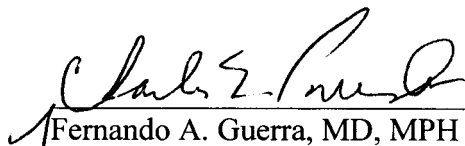
This ordinance provides \$40,000.00 to support the ongoing Breast Health Screening Program in the SAMHD for the period October 1, 2005 through March 30, 2006. Funding through the grant period is the same as last year; however, the grant is typically for twelve months and \$80,000. Funding beyond March is uncertain due to decreased revenues available to CTCRC through fund raising efforts.

COORDINATION

This item has been coordinated with the Office of Management and Budget and the Finance Department.

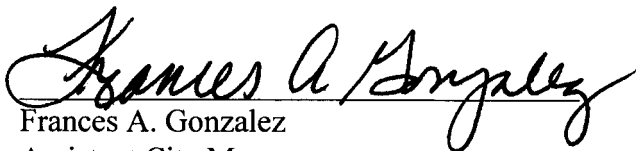
SUPPLEMENTARY COMMENTS

Provisions of the Ethics Ordinance do not apply



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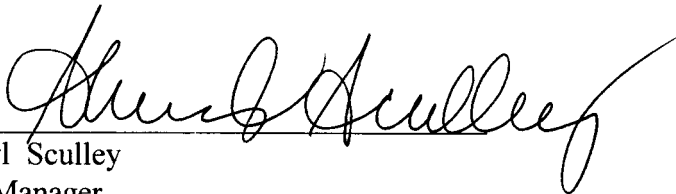
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Approved for Council Consideration:



Sheryl Sculley
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