

**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO  
COMMUNITY INITIATIVES DEPARTMENT  
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Sheryl Sculley, City Manager

**FROM:** Dennis J. Campa, Director, Department of Community Initiatives

**SUBJECT:** Grant from the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services, multiple matching grants, and a contract amendment for the Individual Development Account Program

**DATE:** March 16, 2006

**SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATION**

This ordinance ratifies the submission of an application and authorizes the acceptance of a grant award from the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Administration for Children and Families, in the amount of \$500,000 for the Individual Development Account (IDA) program for the period September 30, 2005 to September 29, 2010. It also authorizes the acceptance of funds from Citigroup in the amount of \$50,000; \$5,000 from Chase Bank through the San Antonio Housing Trust; and \$50,000 from Fannie Mae through the San Antonio Housing Trust. In addition it authorizes execution of a contract with the Alamo Community College District (ACCD) and the ACCD Foundation Inc, accepting up to \$50,000 per year; and establishes the Families SAVE IDA Program Grant Four budget and amends the Families SAVE IDA Program Grant II and III budgets.

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

For the past five years, DCI has operated the Families SAVE IDA Program through HHS Assets for Independence Act (AFIA) grants. The IDA program focuses on working families in Bexar County who live at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (\$40,000/year for a family of four). Through the IDA program, working families save money, become financially literate, build wealth, and achieve economic independence. Participants in the DCI Families SAVE IDA Program save up to \$1,000 and their savings are matched four to one. IDA savings may be used for post-secondary education expenses, for first time home purchases or micro enterprise development.

Upon enrollment, participants set their savings goal and identify the amount they will contribute on a monthly basis. Participants also complete six hours of basic financial education prior to opening their savings account. Participants are required to make monthly deposits for a minimum of six months and participate in at least six additional hours of asset specific financial education training before withdrawing any funds to purchase the asset. In addition to this training, IDA case management staff meets with participants on a regular basis to offer support and referrals for additional services. Upon completion of program requirements, participant savings are matched at a four to one ratio.

To date, 183 families have successfully completed the program and purchased their asset. Ninety-six families have purchased their first home, 75 are enrolled or have completed post-secondary education, and 12 have started a small business. Currently, 311 IDA participants are in the process of completing their financial education and savings requirements.

### **POLICY ANALYSIS**

Federal IDA funds require a dollar for dollar cash match from non-federal sources. New accounts are only opened after local matching dollars have been deposited and the federal portion is drawn down. This process ensures that the City has available matching dollars for everyone enrolled in the program. This grant will accommodate 212 new IDAs.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

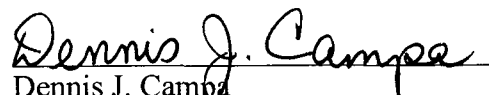
This ordinance accepts \$500,000 from the HHS to support the Families SAVE IV Individual Development Account Program, effective September 30, 2005 through September 29, 2010. This ordinance also accepts a total up to \$105,000 in matching funds from Fannie Mae, Citigroup and Chase Bank and allows the execution of a Memorandum of Agreement between the City of San Antonio, the ACCD and ACCD Foundation, Inc. accepting up to \$50,000 per year. This action also revises budgets for the Families SAVE program to reflect the receipt of matching funds authorized in prior ordinances. This action requires no additional General Fund commitment.

### **COORDINATION**

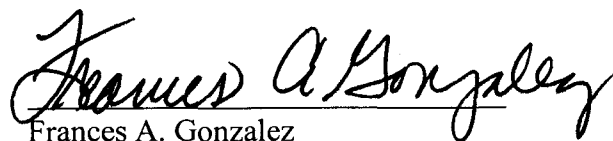
DCI coordinated activities with HHS, Finance Department, Office of Management and Budget, and the City Attorney's Office.

### **SUPPLEMENTARY COMMENTS**

Provisions of the Ethics Ordinance do not apply.

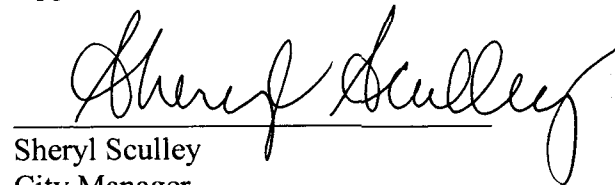


Dennis J. Campa  
Director, Department of Community Initiatives



Frances A. Gonzalez  
Assistant City Manager

Approved for Council Consideration:



Sheryl Sculley  
City Manager

## Historical Mortgage and Rental Assistance

|                                 | FY 04/05             |                      | FY 05/06             |                            |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|
|                                 | Dollars<br>Allocated | Households<br>Served | Dollars<br>Allocated | Households<br>To Be Served |
| <b>Direct Service</b>           |                      |                      |                      |                            |
| Rental Assistance               | \$70,000             | 149                  | \$57,000             | 121                        |
| Mortgage Assistance             | \$50,500             | 77                   | \$37,000             | 56                         |
| Transition to Permanent Housing | \$4,500              | 14                   | 6,000                | 19                         |
| <b>Totals</b>                   | <b>\$125,000</b>     | <b>240</b>           | <b>\$100,000</b>     | <b>196</b>                 |

BEXAR COUNTY  
EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER PROGRAM  
Phase 24  
January 1, 2006 - September 30, 2006

APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

1. APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name of Organization:

City of San Antonio, Department of Community Initiatives

Mailing Address:

P. O. Box 839976 San Antonio, Tx. 78283-3976

Primary Contact Person:

Clemencia L. Prieto

Telephone: ( 210 ) 207-7855 FAX: ( 210 ) 207-7843

E-mail Address: cprieto@sanantonio.gov

Federal Employer Taxpayer ID#: 1-74600-2070-A1

Applicant must be a 501(c) (3) tax exempt not for profit organization. Attach proof of 501(c) (3) status.

2. FUNDING REQUEST. Please refer to enclosed material for service definitions.

A. Served Meals

# Units to be provided N/A

Amount of funding requested N/A

Attach a BRIEF description of how services will be provided.

B. Other Food

# Units to be provided N/A

Amount of funding requested N/A

Attach a BRIEF description of how services will be provided.

C. Mass Shelter

# Units to be provided: N/A

Amount of funding requested: N/A

Attach a BRIEF description of how services will be provided.

D. Other Shelter

# Units to be provided N/A

Amount of funding requested N/A

Attach a BRIEF description of how services will be provided.

E. Rent/Mortgage Assistance

# Units to be provided 245

Amount of funding requested \$125,000.00

Attach a BRIEF description of how services will be provided.

F. Utility Assistance

# Units to be provided N/A

Amount of funding requested N/A

Administrative  
Cost  
\$7,818.00

Attach a BRIEF description of how services will be provided.

Clemencia L. Prieto Clemencia L. Prieto

Executive Director (Signature and Printed Name)

FEB. 14, 2006

Date

Ralph T. Gomez (Ralph T. Gomez)

Board President (Signature and Printed Name)

2/15/2006

Date

Return to:  
Bexar County EFSP Board  
c/o Rebecca D. Brune  
United Way of San Antonio and Bexar County  
700 South Alamo  
San Antonio, TX 78205

For assistance, call Rebecca D. Brune at 352-7095

**ATTACHMENT II**

Notice of Award

**2006 Emergency Food and Shelter Program  
October 1, 2005 - September 31, 2006  
Internal Order 138000000XXX**

**G/L ACCOUNT****BUDGET****REVENUES**

|         |  |                                |
|---------|--|--------------------------------|
| 4501100 | Grants from Federal Agencies - Operating | <u>\$132,818</u>               |
|         | <b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>                    | <b><u><u>\$132,818</u></u></b> |

**APPROPRIATIONS**

|         |                                  |                                |
|---------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 5101010 | Regular Salaries                 | \$5,865                        |
| 5103005 | FICA & Medicare Expense          | 378                            |
| 5105010 | Retirement Expense Civilian TMRS | 575                            |
| 5104030 | Flexible Benefits Contribution   | 981                            |
| 5103010 | Life Insurance                   | 19                             |
| 5407037 | DW Rental Assistance             | <u>125,000</u>                 |
|         | <b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>      | <b><u><u>\$132,818</u></u></b> |