

Agenda Item #20

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

TO: Sheryl Sculley, City Manager
FROM: Dennis J. Campa, Director, Department of Community Initiatives
SUBJECT: Annie E. Casey Foundation 2006 Grant Acceptance
DATE: April 20, 2006

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATION

This ordinance authorizes the acceptance of a continuation grant in the amount of \$100,000 from the Annie E. Casey Foundation (AECF) for the period January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006. Additionally, this ordinance also authorizes the transfer of \$55,000 of Making Connections funds to the Families SAVE Individual Development Account Program, and adopts a budget. This ordinance also authorizes the acceptance of a technical assistance grant in the amount of \$30,000 from AECF.

Staff recommends the approval of this ordinance.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In November of 2000, San Antonio was identified as one of 22 cities where AECF Making Connections Initiative would be implemented. This program seeks to strengthen families in targeted neighborhoods by connecting them to economic opportunity, social networks and effective human development services. The Making Connections targeted neighborhood includes 26 Westside census tracts and over 130,000 residents. Thirty-three percent of the families in this neighborhood live in poverty compared to 17 percent citywide.

In partnership with Making Connections, the Department of Community Initiatives (DCI) developed the Family Economic Success Program (FES). This program operates on two complimentary strategies: asset building through participation in the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and Individual Development Account (IDA) programs, and asset protection through financial literacy and the avoidance of predatory lending practices. These grant funds will support the continuation of FES program activities for calendar year 2006.

Through this grant, AECF will invest \$55,000 in the Families Save IDA program, which will leverage an additional \$55,000 in match funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Together these funds will be used to match participants' savings four to one for the purpose of first-time home ownership or attending post-secondary education. Approximately 25 additional Making Connections families will have the opportunity to participate in the IDA program through this AECF investment.

POLICY ANALYSIS

This ordinance is a continuation of existing City policy to use grant funds to provide human development and family economic success opportunities. Through this AECF grant, DCI will continue existing policy to strengthen families and provide asset-building opportunities to improve family economic success.

FISCAL IMPACT

This ordinance authorizes acceptance of a \$100,000 continuation grant, a \$30,000 technical assistance grant and the transfer of \$55,000 from the 2006 Making Connections account to the Individual Development Account Program to be used as match funding for participants' savings. The Annie E. Casey Foundation has approved these fiscal actions. There is no General Fund commitment.

COORDINATION

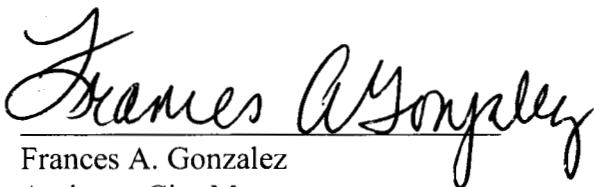
The Department of Community Initiatives has coordinated activities with the City Attorney's Office, the Finance Department, and the Office of Management and Budget.

SUPPLEMENTARY COMMENTS

Provisions of the Ethics Ordinance do not apply.

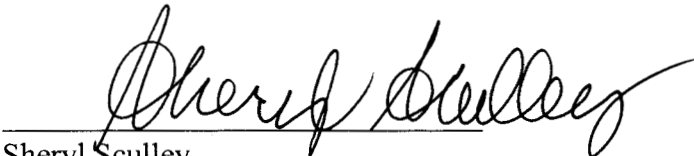


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