

Agenda item #30

**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: Acceptance of funds from Bexar County and authorizing execution of a Funding and Joint Use Agreement
DATE: June 1, 2006

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This ordinance authorizes the acceptance of \$750,000 from Bexar County in support of the Bob Ross Senior Multi-Service Health and Resource Center renovation. The ordinance also authorizes the Director of the Department of Community Initiatives to execute a twenty-five year Funding and Joint Use Agreement between the City and Bexar County.

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In a May 2003 report to the City Council and Bexar County's Commissioners Court, the City/County Joint Commission on Elderly Affairs recommended that senior one-stop access centers be created in each of Bexar County's four quadrants to ensure citizens are aware of and able to conveniently access senior resources and services.

In November 2003, voters of the City of San Antonio and Bexar County approved bond funding for the creation of the first senior one-stop center. It was subsequently named the Bob Ross Senior Multi-Service Health and Resource Center (Center). The Center is located in the South Texas Medical Center. Additional capital funding was obtained from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Section 108 loan program and the Community Development Block Grant.

Chesney, Morales and Associates, Inc. was selected as the project architect in June 2004. In February 2006 contracts were awarded to re-roof the Center and to conduct mold and asbestos abatement. Upon completion of these two projects, interior renovation of the Center will begin. Funds identified in this ordinance will be expended for this renovation. A Funding and Joint Use Agreement is necessary to set forth terms and conditions for the expenditure of these items.

The Center is a 24,000 square-foot facility that will provide comprehensive wrap-around services to seniors in one location. Through partnership with other City Departments, University of Texas Health Science Center and others, services offered at this one-stop center will include: Comprehensive Nutrition Program, City caseworkers, basic medical screening, a Senior Customer Service Center, computer classes, exercise therapy, hydro-therapy, water aerobics, arts and crafts, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance and a future voting site. Additionally, the facility will include three conference rooms, a demonstration kitchen, reading and resource room, and a meandering

walkway through a large greenway and garden area. All areas of the facility, including the walkway and garden area, are ADA compliant and accessible.

POLICY ANALYSIS

The proposed ordinance continues City Council policy of interlocal cooperation by providing one-stop service access to seniors residing within the San Antonio metropolitan area and Bexar County.

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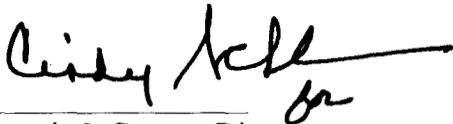
This ordinance requires no General Fund commitment.

COORDINATION

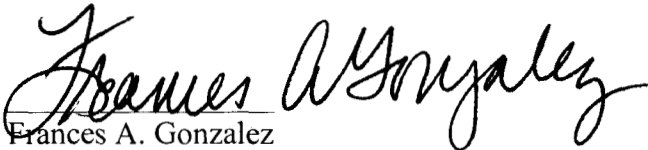
Coordination has occurred with the City Attorney's Office, Asset Management, External Relations Department, Contract Services Department, Public Works, the Bexar County Infrastructure Services Department and the City/County Joint Commission on Elderly Affairs.

SUPPLEMENTARY COMMENTS

Provisions of the City's Ethics Ordinance do not apply.



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Approved for Council Consideration:



Sheryl Sculley
City Manager