

Agenda item #85

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

TO: Sheryl Sculley, City Manager

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

SUBJECT: Housing Assistance Payments Contract with the San Antonio Housing Authority

DATE: June 29, 2006

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This ordinance authorizes the execution of two Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) contracts with the San Antonio Housing Authority (SAHA) for continuation of the rental subsidy program for Single Room Occupancy (SRO) units at the Dwyer Avenue Center for the contract period of September 17, 2005 to September 16, 2006 and September 17, 2006 to September 16, 2007. The 2005-2006 contract provides one year of funding of up to \$322,080 and the 2006-2007 contract provides one year of up to \$335,438 which will be provided by SAHA to support this program.

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

This ordinance will authorize two one-year contracts and will continue the collaborative agreement with SAHA until September 16, 2007. Due to personnel changes within SAHA, the first contract was behind schedule in being forwarded to the City. Although the first contract execution was delayed, SAHA has made payments to the City at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Fair Market Rate (FMR) of \$305.14. The new FMR for the second contract period [2006-2007] will be \$317.65 which represents a 4.1% increase. The residents' portion is up to 30% of their adjusted income payable toward rent, SAHA subsidizes the remaining.

The Dwyer Avenue Center, which is owned by the City of San Antonio, is operated with general funds and income from the Dwyer Center Rental Income Trust. The Dwyer Avenue Center provides an array of supportive services to homeless singles in San Antonio. There are 88 SRO units at the Center.

City staff, along with the staff of collaborative agencies such as Family Violence Prevention Services, the Food Bank and CentroMed provide SRO residents with:

- Substance abuse and mental health counseling
- Life skills classes and financial literacy training
- Medical care
- Emergency assistance
- Job training

Additionally, 16 units are for family emergency housing at the Dwyer Avenue Center and an additional 8 units are designated as emergency shelter for women and their children.

POLICY ANALYSIS

This ordinance supports existing City policy of providing Safety Net services through the provision of transitional housing and comprehensive services to homeless people. This ordinance will continue the City's collaborative relationship with SAHA in support of homeless singles.

FISCAL IMPACT

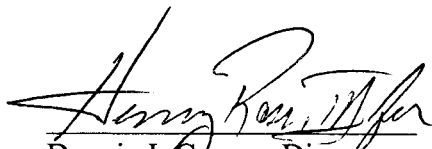
This ordinance authorizes two contracts with SAHA in an amount not to exceed \$322,080 for the one-year period of September 17, 2005 to September 16, 2006 and \$335,438 for one-year period of September 17, 2006 to September 16, 2007. Rental payments made by residents, as well as the subsidies from SAHA, are deposited into a dedicated revenue account, which supports operations at the Dwyer Avenue Center.

COORDINATION

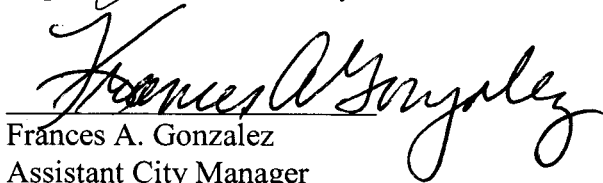
Coordination has taken place with the Finance Department, City Attorney's Office, Office of Management and Budget and the San Antonio Housing Authority.

SUPPLEMENTARY COMMENTS

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



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Approved for Council Consideration:



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