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Item #15

AN ORDINANCE

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**APPROVING CHANGES TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD HERITAGE INITIATIVES PROGRAM TO SUPPORT ARTS AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES IN ELGIBLE NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIALIZATION REVITALIZATION (NCR) PROJECT AREAS.**

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**WHEREAS**, the Neighborhood Heritage Initiative (NHI) Program was created in March 2000 in response to the Community Revitalization Action Group's (CRAG) priority actions to analyze and recommend initiatives contributing to revitalization and encourage public/private partnerships and the NHI focused on the efforts of the Neighborhood Commercialization Revitalization (NCR) Projects administered by the Neighborhood Action Department, which were identified due to their level of organizational capacity and readiness and the complementary goals and objectives; and

**WHEREAS**, in FY 2000-2001, the City Council approved funding in the amount of \$35,000 for one NHI project and in FY 2001-2002, the City Council approved funding for two projects in the total amount of \$55,000; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 13, 2002, the Neighborhood Arts Subcommittee of the Cultural Arts Board met to review the NHI Program in an effort to offer greater support of NCR requirements and consideration of the challenges faced by their Projects and their efforts resulted in a presentation which was made to NCR Projects at the Networking Meeting held May 21, 2002, in which the Subcommittee's recommended NHI Program changes and simplified process were well received; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 28, 2002, the Cultural Arts Board approved proposed policy changes that, if adopted, would make the process more accessible to all NCR Projects by requiring that funded arts and cultural projects support an existing NCR community event, establishing that matching funds will not be required and providing that each year a project funding range will be determined based on the funds available, with a minimum of \$5000 to be awarded to each project; **NOW THEREFORE:**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:**

**SECTION 1.** The proposed changes to the NHI Program referenced above are hereby incorporated into the NHI Program guidelines, affixed hereto as Exhibit I, and said guidelines are hereby authorized and approved.

**SECTION 2.** This Ordinance shall be effective on and after the tenth day after passage hereof.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2003.

  
M A Y O R  
EDWARD D. GARZA

ATTEST:  
  
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:   
for City Attorney