

AN ORDINANCE **97934**

ACCEPTING A \$182,662 GRANT AWARD FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION (CJD) UNDER THE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT TO CONTINUE THE EARLY INTERVENTION FOR WOMEN LIVING IN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROJECT FOR THE TWELVE-MONTH PERIOD SEPTEMBER 1, 2003, THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2004; ESTABLISHING A FUND; ADOPTING A BUDGET; AND APPROVING PERSONNEL COMPLEMENTS.

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WHEREAS, the City of San Antonio (City), through the San Antonio City Attorney's Office (S.A.C.A.O.), seeks to promote and ensure the health and well-being of individuals in San Antonio, Bexar County through the effective utilization of available resources; and

WHEREAS, the S.A.C.A.O. seeks to provide swift intervention to domestic violence while it is at the Class C misdemeanor level, and thereby prevent its escalation into more dangerous crime; and

WHEREAS, the San Antonio City Council has recognized that domestic violence is a significant threat to the safety and well-being of the citizens of San Antonio and established a domestic violence court in Municipal Court during the fiscal year 1996-1997; and

WHEREAS, the San Antonio Police Department has changed its policies and procedures so that the Class C domestic violence cases are reported on offense rather than incident reports and sent to the City Attorney's Prosecution Office at Municipal Court for direct evaluation and filing; and

WHEREAS, there will be a corresponding increase in the number of class C domestic violence cases to be evaluated and prosecuted; and as a result, a corresponding increase in the need for additional City employees to facilitate the City's overall goal to provide early intervention for domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, the Criminal Justice Division (C.J.D.) of the Governor's Office awards grant funds, under the Violence Against Women Act (V.A.W.A.) for projects targeted at prosecution to aid in preventing and reducing violence against women; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the V.A.W.A. program is to pursue a coordinated and integrated approach to improving the criminal justice system's response to violence against women, including a partnership between law enforcement, prosecution, courts, victim advocates, and service providers; and

WHEREAS, The City desires to obtain these funds and an application was submitted to meet the deadlines established by the C.J.D., Office of the Governor; and

WHEREAS, the San Antonio City Council has agreed that, in the event of loss or misuse of the C.J.D. funds, the San Antonio City Council, assures that the funds will be returned to said C.J.D. in full; and

WHEREAS, Governor Rick Perry has approved the City's request for the funding to continue the Early Intervention For Women Living in Domestic Violence program to be awarded upon receipt of required documents; and

WHEREAS, it is now necessary to accept the \$182,662 grant award from the Office of the Governor, C.J.D., to provide the funding to continue the Early Intervention for Women Living in Domestic Violence program in San Antonio's Municipal Court for the twelve-month period September 1, 2003 - August 31, 2004, and it is now necessary to establish a fund; adopt a budget; and approve the personnel complements; **NOW THEREFORE:**

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

SECTION 1. The City accepts the grant award in the amount of \$182,662.00 from the Office of the Governor, C.J.D., to continue funding the City's Early Intervention for Women Living in Domestic Violence program located at the San Antonio Municipal Court for the twelve-month period of September 1, 2003 - August 31, 2004. A copy of the grant award notification is attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes as Attachment I.

SECTION 2. Fund 26-055318, entitled "Early Intervention For women Living in Domestic Violence" is hereby designated for use in accounting for the above grant, and the sum of \$243,549.00 is hereby appropriated in said fund as set out in the detailed budget affixed hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes as Attachment II. Through this grant award, CJD will provide \$182,662.00 for the period of September 1, 2003 through August 31, 2004. The remaining funds, which represent the minimum 25% match required by the V.A.W.A. grant application, will be contributed by the City through in-kind contributions. The in-kind match is provided through volunteer/intern hours, along with costs for office supplies and communications being provided by the San Antonio City Attorney's Office. In addition, a portion of the in-kind match is contributed by the work of general fund staff on the grant project. There is no additional cash match commitment. This ordinance will establish a fund, adopt a budget, and approve personnel complements.

SECTION 3. The personnel complement set out in Attachment II is hereby authorized and approved.

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SECTION 4. This ordinance shall become effective on the tenth (10) day after passage hereof.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 7th Day of August, 2003.



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EDWARD D. GARZA

ATTEST: *Felanda L. Ledezma*
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM: *Andrew Martus*
City Attorney