

AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION, AND AUTHORIZING FUTURE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$170,320.00 AVAILABLE UNDER THE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT (V.A.W.A.) FOR THE EARLY INTERVENTION FOR WOMEN LIVING IN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAM FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 1, 2006 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2007.

WHEREAS, the City Attorney's Office 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 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 FY 1996; and

WHEREAS, the Criminal Justice Division 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 collaboration among law enforcement, prosecution, courts, victim advocates, and service providers; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has considered the proposed application for funding by the Governor's Office-Criminal Justice Division in the amount of \$170,320.00 and agreed to provide matching funds of 25% of the total grant portion of program costs of \$227,108.00 for the Early Intervention for Women Living in Domestic Violence program as required by the grant application; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has agreed that, in the event of loss or misuse of the Criminal Justice Division funds, the San Antonio City Council, will return all funds in full to the Criminal Justice Division; **NOW THEREFORE**

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

SECTION 1. The City Council approves City Staff's actions in submitting a \$170,320.00 grant application to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division to continue funding the City's Early Intervention for Women Living in Domestic Violence program located at the San Antonio Municipal Court for the period of September 1, 2006 – August 31, 2007, hereby ratifies this action.

SECTION 2. The minimum 25% match required by the V.A.W.A. grant application, will be contributed by the City through in-kind contributions.

SECTION 3. The City Council also authorizes the City Manager or her Designee to apply for, accept, reject, alter or terminate the grant.

SECTION 4. The City Council also authorizes the acceptance of the grant funds should they be awarded by the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division.

SECTION 5. The following financial provisions are approved as may be necessary to effect this Ordinance:

- (a) Fund 26055000, General Ledger No.26055000, entitled, "Texas Criminal Justice Division" is hereby designated for use in accounting for the fiscal transactions of this program.
- (b) The financial allocations in this Ordinance are subject to the approval by the Director of Finance, City of San Antonio. The Director of Finance may, subject to the concurrence by the City Manager or the City Manager's designee, correct allocation to specific SAP Fund Numbers, SAP Project Definitions, SAP WBS Elements, SAP Internal Orders, SAP Fund Centers, SAP Cost Centers, SAP Functional Areas, SAP Funds Reservation Document Numbers, and SAP GL Accounts as necessary to carry out the purpose of this Ordinance.

SECTION 6. This ordinance shall take effect immediately if approved by eight (8) or more affirmative votes; otherwise, this ordinance shall be effective on and after the tenth (10th) day from the date of passage hereof.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 30th Day of March, 2006.



M A Y O R

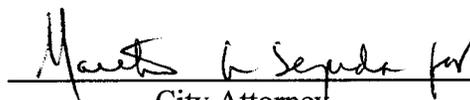
PHIL HARDBERGER

ATTEST:



City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



City Attorney