

AN ORDINANCE **2009-01-29-0053**

APPROVING AN ADDENDUM TO THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO'S LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM FOR THE 81ST REGULAR SESSION OF THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE THAT WAS ADOPTED ON OCTOBER 16, 2008.

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WHEREAS, prior to the convening of each regular state Legislative Session, the City of San Antonio identifies policy priorities that it would like the Texas Legislature to address and in August 2008, the City's Intergovernmental Relations staff began working with City Departments and agencies, the City's legislative consultants and the Texas Municipal League to identify issues for the upcoming session; and

WHEREAS, the City's State Legislative Program for the 81st Regular Session ("Program") was reviewed by the City Council Intergovernmental Relations Committee in September 2008 and the full Council in B session on October 8, 2008 and City Council approved the Program on October 16, 2008; and

WHEREAS, this proposed addendum to the Program consists of three legislative endorsements concerning increased funding for community-based alternatives to institutionalization, an appropriations request by the South Texas Women's Business Center and funding for construction and information technology improvements at the Alamo Community College System; and

WHEREAS, this proposed addendum was considered and recommended by the City Council's Intergovernmental Relations Committee on December 10, 2008 and is now being brought forward to the full City Council for approval; **NOW THEREFORE:**

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

SECTION 1. The City Council approves an addendum to the City of San Antonio's Legislative Program for the 81st Regular Session of the Texas Legislature. A copy of the addendum to the Program is attached to this Ordinance as Exhibit I.

SECTION 2. Staff is directed to inform the Bexar County Legislative Delegation of the addendum to the Program and to undertake such steps as are reasonably necessary to obtain passage of the Program during the upcoming 81st Legislative Session.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon the passage of eight (8) affirmative votes. If it is not passed by (8) affirmative votes, this Ordinance shall be effective on and after the tenth day after passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 29th day of January, 2009.

ATTEST:

Jessica M. Vales
City Clerk

Phil Hardberger
MAYOR
PHIL HARDBERGER

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Jim Zentgraf
for City Attorney

Exhibit
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Increased Funding for Community Based Alternatives to Institutionalization

Proposal:

Endorse legislation expanding services provided under §1915c Medicaid Home and Community-based Waiver Services for Aged and Disabled as a cost-effective alternative to institutional care for frail and elderly with chronic conditions or disabilities.

Funding for care in the community should increase by a certain percentage each year until there is no longer a waiting list for Community Based Assistance. Services to persons in the community provide more dignity and independence and are less costly than services in facilities. Residents in the community are able to visit their own doctors, attend their own church, and attend their own senior centers.

Background:

The State of Texas currently operates a number of §1915c Medicaid Waiver Programs, which provide services to a limited number of eligible adults. Increasing services provided under these waiver programs will:

- 1) Increase senior access to community-based services
- 2) Reduce costs associated with long-term care
- 3) Prevent premature institutionalization
- 4) Promote senior independence and quality of life

Financial Impact:

Increased funding of this state program would have the impact of providing the supports necessary for those who are Medicaid-eligible to remain in their homes. This would have the effect on reducing the number of our seniors who must make the choice between becoming institutionalized or staying in their homes and depending on local social service programs. If the state were to fund the community based waiver programs at a higher level, the City of San Antonio's funds for the care for our seniors could be provided to non-Medicaid eligible seniors who are often not able to afford institutional care and do not qualify for supports to allow them to remain in their homes safely.

Additional Information and Comments:

The State of Texas has continued to designate the majority of its Medicaid long-term care dollars towards institutionalized care (nursing homes) versus shifting more of the dollars to community based waiver programs that allow seniors to age in their own homes. ADAPT, an advocacy group for people with disabilities, has reported that:

For decades, people with disabilities, both old and young, have wanted alternatives to nursing homes and other institutions when they need long term services. Our long term care system has a heavy institutional bias. Every state that receives Medicaid MUST provide nursing home services, but community based services are optional. Sixty five percent of Medicaid long term care dollars pay for institutional services, while the remaining 25% must cover all the community based waivers, optional programs, etc.

South Texas Women's Business Center State Appropriations Request

Proposal:

The STWBC is requesting a \$130,000 allocation for its program over the 2010-2011 biennium.

The STWBC has coordinated with the four women business centers (WBCs) in the state of Texas on this initiative. All WBCs provide vital services to small, minority, women owned businesses and aspiring entrepreneurs. STWBC has taken the initiative to create the Texas Network of WBCs to ask for State appropriate \$520,000 for the four WBCs (located in Austin, El Paso, McAllen, and San Antonio) to further their work in business technical assistance to women, minorities, and small businesses in their service area. The \$520,000 allocation would provide \$130,000 per center over the 2010-2011 biennium (\$65,000 a year).

Background:

This appropriation will not change the way we do business, and the allocation requested should be through the state budget or governor's business budget (Enterprise Fund).

In October of 2006, the South Texas Business Fund was awarded a five year SBA grant to create a WBC. The South Texas Women's Business Center (STWBC) is housed out of the City's Economic Development Department and recently completed its second year of service, which is the ACCOG region. Over 1,300 clients have been served in that time, of which 40% live outside Bexar County. This year the Center will service nine additional counties. 70% of the clients the Center serves are women.

	# & Name of Counties	Major Cities
CURRENT SERVICE AREA		
Year 1	(11 counties) Bexar, Atascosa, Bandera, Comal, Frio, Guadalupe, Karnes, Kendall, Kerr, Medina, Wilson	San Antonio
Year 2	No change	No change
CURRENT YEAR (3)	(9 additional counties) Bee, Dewitt, Goliad, Gonzales, Jim Wells, Live Oak, Nueces, San Patricio, Victoria	Seguin, Victoria, Corpus Christi
FUTURE SERVICE AREA		
Year 4	(4 additional counties) Duval, La Salle, McMullen, Webb	Laredo
Year 5	(8 additional counties) Dimmit, Edwards, Kinney, Maverick, Real, Uvalde, Val Verde, Zavala	Uvalde, Del Rio, Eagle Pass

The SBA initially funded the STWBC with a five year grant of \$150,000 each year. However over the past two years funding has declined to \$118,825. The Center's state appropriation request for \$130,000 over the biennium will help meet the federal match and allow the Center to better serve the communities they are charged to serve.

Financial Impact:

The impact of receiving the allocation will allow the Center to focus on serving the community. If the appropriation is not successful, we will have to find funding elsewhere.

Currently the city provides \$29,500 in **in-kind** services.

Additional Information and Comments:

There is no opposition at this time; support is from the other WBCs through the Texas Network of WBCs.

STWBC Budget Breakdown:

FY 2008-2009 Budget

This year's WBC budget is as follows:

Federal SBA WBC Funding:	\$118,285
Non Federal Cash Match (STBF 28.4K STWBC 34.6)	\$63,000
Non Federal In-Kind	\$59,020
Total 2008-2009 Budget	\$240,305

PROJECTED FY 2009-2010 STWBC BUDGET

Federal SBA WBC Funding:	\$118,285
Non Federal Cash Match (STBF 18.3K STWBC 34.6)	\$52,900
Non Federal In-Kind	\$59,020
Total 09-10 Budget	\$230,205

2009-2010 state injection:	\$65,000
Total 09-10 budget with state funds:	\$295,205

Alamo Community College District

Proposal:

To support funding for construction and information technology improvements at the Alamo Community College System

Background:

Priority 1 - New Campus

\$ 3,000,000

Provide new campus funding for contact hours generated from the new Northeast Lakeview College. In November 2005, Bexar County voters approved a \$450 million capital improvement program bond issue, of which \$125 million is being used to build Northeast Lakeview College. Traditionally, the legislature invests start up funds for new campuses to offset the lag in receiving state contact hour reimbursement.

Priority 2 - Student Success Pathway Model

\$ 5,000,000

Expand the pilot program at the Alamo Community Colleges as a state wide initiative that will collect and analyze data regarding student outcomes and determine efficacy of instruction as students transition from high school to community college to university.

Priority 3 - Baccalaureate Degree Program

\$ 1,500,000

Bachelor of Arts Degrees in Applied Technology are offered at Brazosport, Midland and South Texas Community Colleges. ACC proposes to offer B.A. Degrees in Fire Science, Culinary Arts, and Teacher Certification.

Priority 4 - Welcome Back Center

\$ 2,000,000

Address the acute shortages in nursing, skill trades, and information technology through the creation of a Welcome Back Center that will train 1,000 persons. The Welcome Back Center will assist internationally trained legal resident health care professionals already in the U.S. to complete the appropriate licensure and certification requirements that will allow them to re-enter the health care profession. It will also assist individuals in other critical fields to re-enter these fields with more current skills. The Welcome Back Center will provide work-based vocational English as a Second language to train skilled workers in health care, aerospace, information technology, and advanced manufacturing.

Priority 5 - Alamo Area Academies

\$ 1,000,000

Provide financial support for the Alamo Area Academies that include Information Technology Security Academy, Aerospace Academy, and Manufacturing Academy and begin the development of three more academies in Construction, Health Careers, and Finance.

Financial Impact:

There is no fiscal impact to the City of San Antonio.