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Cattleman Square Community Vision, Engagement, Feasibility & Masterplan Study

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Summary



Ordinance authorizing an agreement with the San Antonio Housing Trust Public Facility Corporation and the Westside Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) Board of Directors in an amount up to \$250,000 to support the Cattleman Square Community Vision to include community engagement, feasibility, and preliminary master planning of publicly owned assets located in City Council District 5. Funding is available through tax increments produced by the Westside TIRZ.



Background



- On September 26, 2024, the San Antonio Housing Trust Public Facility Corporation (PFC) acquired 1.57 acres located at 811 W. Houston utilizing a combination of TIRZ and City of San Antonio funding.
- The acquisition of property aligned with the City's Strategic Housing Implementation Plan strategy for land banking and constructing housing near transit.
- The site is adjacent to the VIA downtown transit center and near the proposed Silver Line.
- On November 25, 2024, the San Antonio Housing Trust PFC authorized the purchase and sale agreements on 5.9 additional acres of property in the near westside area.

Background



- The acquisitions in addition to substantial publicly owned property in and near the Cattlemen's Square area including VIA, County, and the City present a unique opportunity for a community led process to re-envision this corner situated between the westside neighborhoods and downtown.
- While the area is rich with historic and cultural legacy, market pressures over the last decade have attempted to convert individual elements of Cattlemen's Square into a developer-led vision.
- This has resulted in community frustration for those who seek to preserve its historic and cultural legacy while maximizing the public good vs private interests.
- No privately led development has occurred to date.

Issue



The San Antonio Housing Trust Public Facility Corporation is requesting funding the Westside Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (Westside TIRZ) to commence a visioning process for the Cattlemen’s Square.

Fiscal Impact



If approved, the agreement will be funded in the amount of \$250,000 in Westside TIRZ funds.



Recommendation

Staff recommends approving an agreement with San Antonio Housing Trust Public Facility Corporation in an amount up to \$250,000 to support the Cattlemen's Square Community Vision to include community engagement, feasibility, and preliminary master planning of publicly owned assets in located in Council District 5.



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