



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

File Number:

Agenda Item Number: 44

Agenda Date: January 30, 2025

In Control: City Council A Session

DEPARTMENT: Parks & Recreation Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Homer Garcia III

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Authorizing the execution of a funding agreement between the City of San Antonio and Urban Canopy in the amount of \$250,000.00 for the Community Tree Maintenance Program. Funding is available from the FY 2025 General Fund Adopted Budget.

SUMMARY:

This ordinance authorizes the City to execute a Funding Agreement with Urban Canopy in the amount of \$250,000.00 for the Community Tree Maintenance Program for a term ending September 30, 2025. Funding is available from the FY 2025 General Fund Adopted Budget.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Through a FY 2025 Budget Amendment request from Council District 5, the FY 2025 General Fund Adopted Budget included \$300,000.00 to Urban Canopy. The purpose of the funds is to subsidize Urban Canopy's Tree Care Program. Through this program, qualifying residents will receive assistance at no charge with their tree care needs.

Urban Canopy is a local 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization committed to providing top-tier tree

preservation to underserved communities throughout greater San Antonio. Through the Community Tree Maintenance Program, Urban Canopy will manage program application, eligibility determination, tree care, tree removal, reporting and documentation services for qualified residents.

In early January, the Parks and Recreation Department issued a jump start funding agreement with Urban Canopy for \$50,000.00 to allow for immediate access to service delivery to address any critical issues should the need arise. The Parks and Recreation Department will manage the service contract with Urban Canopy in compliance with all governing standards and regulations.

ISSUE:

This ordinance authorizes the Parks and Recreation Department to execute a funding agreement with Urban Canopy in the amount of \$250,000.00 for the Community Tree Maintenance Program. This action is consistent with the adopted FY 2025 General Fund operating budget which included funding in support of providing tree care services on residential property.

ALTERNATIVES:

City Council could elect not to approve the action to outsource tree care services on residential properties and require the Department to evaluate other alternatives for service delivery.

FISCAL IMPACT:

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RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval to execute a funding agreement with Urban Canopy in the amount of \$250,000.00.