



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**In Control:** Planning and Community Development Committee

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**DEPARTMENT:** Development Services Department

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Michael Shannon

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** Citywide

**SUBJECT:**

A briefing and possible action on the Senior Assistance Pilot Program (SAPP) which offers seniors aged 65 or older and/or disabled direct assistance with lawn/alley maintenance and tree trimming or removal.

**SUMMARY:**

As of May 9, 2024, the results of the SAPP are as follows: 37 households have received assistance with a city approved contractor abating the applicable code violation rather than being issued citations. An additional 11 homes are approved for assistance and are currently waiting for the city approved contractor to schedule and execute the abatement. The program has committed \$69,560 which leaves a remaining available balance of \$35,480 of the total \$105,000 budget. The average cost of the 48 cases approved for assistance is \$1,449. City Council Districts 2, 4 and 5 have exhausted all their allocated share of the funding at this time.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The Senior Assistance Pilot Program (SAPP) for Code Enforcement that was authorized in the FY2024 budget. The SAPP offers direct assistance to seniors aged 65 or older and/or disabled individuals with confirmed code enforcement violations in the following categories: overgrown vegetation (lawn or alley maintenance), outside placement, trash, or debris and tree removal or trimming when posing a hazard. The property owner or tenant must also have a financial hardship and be on a fixed income and reside in a single-family home. The overall program goal is to help senior citizens and/or disabled residents address these violations before they become citations that accrue fees.

**ISSUE:**

DSD staff will continue to offer direct assistance for the remainder of the FY 2024 until program funds are exhausted. At this time, City Council Districts 2, 4 and 5 have exhausted all their available funding.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The approved budget for the SAPP was \$100,000 under the FY 2024 Budget with the funds allocated equally throughout the 10 council districts. During the review of the SAPP guidelines at the November 2023 Planning and Community Development Committee, Councilmember Viagran (Council District 3) pledged an additional \$5,000 of her City Council Budget to expand services within her council district.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

This item is for briefing purposes only.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

DSD staff will continue to offer direct assistance for the remainder of the FY 2024 until program funds are exhausted and continue discussion in the FY 2025 budget process.