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ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL***

AN ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDING TO FUND RECYCLING EDUCATION MATERIALS AND RESOURCES FROM THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY FOR REGIONAL SOLID WASTE PASS-THROUGH GRANTS THROUGH THE ALAMO AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

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WHEREAS, since 1996, the TCEQ has provided statewide grants to area Councils of Government for distribution to local agencies, municipalities, counties, and public school districts. These funds are generated by fees imposed by the State on volumes of disposed municipal solid waste. Historically the City of San Antonio's Solid Waste Management Department (SWMD) has been awarded most of these grants, with Code Compliance, Public Works, Health, Parks and Recreation, Convention, Sports and Entertainment Facilities, and the City Clerk's Office receiving funding from this program in the past as well. Since 1996, the City has received over \$5 million in funding from this program; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the grants is to enable the City of San Antonio to expand its efforts to reduce the generation of waste through education, to encourage recycling efforts, and minimize illegal dumping within City of San Antonio. This ordinance is in alignment with the City Council's policy of seeking intergovernmental assistance for enhancing environmental sustainability; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance authorizes the acceptance of grant funding in the amount of \$57,000 for FY 2024 and \$30,000 in FY 2025 to fund recycling education materials and resources from the Alamo Area Council of Governments (AACOG) representing the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). These Regional Solid Waste Pass-Through Grants support environmental programming efforts related to recycling, solid waste stream reduction and municipal enforcement of anti-dumping laws. This ordinance also authorizes the acceptance of funds, the ratification of contracts between the City and AACOG for any of the grants awarded, and allows for supplemental grant applications, and their acceptance if awarded, should AACOG make additional funds available during their 2024-2025 grant cycle; and

WHEREAS, this year's grant cycle covers the 2024-2025 State of Texas Biennium. There will be only one call for applications for projects during this time. The AACOG Resource Recovery Advisory Committee will decide which projects will be funded and when those projects are to be funded for FY 2024 and FY 2025; and

WHEREAS, funding will be used for educational and outreach programs, enhancing the current ReWorksSA program, and increasing illegal dumping advertising. Of the total \$87,000 award, the FY 2024 award of \$57,000 will be directed to the SWMD's Education and Outreach division for

recycling and composting educational materials to distribute to the San Antonio student population during presentations. Specifically, the funding would be utilized for children's books and activity guides. Funding would also be used to purchase recycling containers for local businesses to help them establish a recycling collection program in the workplace. The FY 2025 award of \$30,000 will be utilized to continue and enhance a robust, integrated campaign to heighten community awareness of the major problem illegal dumping is in San Antonio. This campaign is entitled "FIGHT DIRTY" and the goal for future years is to keep that phrase as recognizable as 'Don't Mess With Texas; **NOW THEREFORE,**

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

SECTION 1. The City Manager or designee, or the Director of Solid Waste Management or designee is hereby authorized to accept grant funding in the amount of \$57,000.00 for fiscal year 2024 and \$30,000.00 in fiscal year 2025 from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for Regional Solid Waste Pass-Through Grants through the Alamo Area Council of Governments (AACOG) to fund recycling education materials and resources for Fiscal Years 2024 and 2025.

SECTION 2. The City Manager or designee, or the Director of Solid Waste Management or designee is further authorized to apply for and accept supplemental grant funds should AACOG make additional funds available during the 2024 – 2025 grant cycle.

SECTION 3. Upon acceptance of this award, a new fund and internal order numbers will be created, upon which the sum of up to \$87,000.00 from the AACOG will be appropriated in said fund.

SECTION 4. The financial allocations in this Ordinance are subject to approval by the Deputy Chief Financial Officer, City of San Antonio. The Deputy Chief Financial Officer may, subject to concurrence by the City Manager or the City Manager's designee, correct allocations 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 5. Effective Date. This ordinance is effective immediately after passage upon the receipt of eight affirmative votes, or, in the absence of eight affirmative votes, ten days after passage.

PASSED and APPROVED this 17th day of October, 2024.

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RON NIRENBERG

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Debbie Racca-Sittre, City Clerk

Andrew Segovia, City Attorney

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