



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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DEPARTMENT: Office of Historic Preservation

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Shanon Shea Miller

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

This ordinance ratifies and accepts a grant from the Texas Preservation Trust Fund for an amount not to exceed \$25,000. The grant requires a cash match of \$25,000. Funding is available in the amount of \$25,000 from the General Fund FY 2025 Adopted Budget.

SUMMARY:

The Office of Historic Preservation was awarded a \$25,000 Heritage Education Grant from the Texas Preservation Trust Fund to produce a graphic novel and documentary video to accompany its African American Heritage Preservation Initiative. The grant will be matched by funds available in the Office of Historic Preservation budget.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

In 2022, the Office of Historic Preservation launched a comprehensive survey and cultural heritage initiative which aims to build awareness, appreciation, and respect of, and for, San Antonio's African American heritage. The work has resulted in educational exhibits and designations to preserve and promote African American heritage. An African American Cultural Context Statement will also be released alongside other community resources to better understand the contributions of African Americans to San Antonio's unique cultural heritage.

ISSUE:

The proposed graphic novel and video documentary will accompany the African American heritage project and will expand learning opportunities for local students. This grant requires a cash match. Funding is available in the Office of Historic Preservation budget.

ALTERNATIVES:

If the grant is not ratified and accepted, then funding would not be available for the proposed graphic novel and video documentary.

FISCAL IMPACT:

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RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval to ratify and accept the grant from the Texas Preservation Trust Fund for an amount not to exceed \$25,000.