



## **NEIGHBORHOOD & HOUSING SERVICES**

# **Corazon Ministries Future Campus Site Activities**

City Council A-Session | Item #26  
December 19, 2024  
Veronica Garcia, Director

# Summary



Ordinance authorizing an agreement with Corazon Ministries, Inc. and the Westside and Houston Street Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) Board of Directors in a cumulative amount up to \$250,000, with a maximum contribution of up to \$125,000 each, to conduct all necessary activities including: assessment, planning, feasibility, design, and/or improvements to a future campus site within or near the Historic Cattleman Square area to provide services for unhoused clients.



# Background



- Corazon was born out of Travis Park Church in 1999 and has been located there for over 20 years.
- The organization utilizes the church basement for cooking, homeless services, and to office administrative staff.
- In 2022, Corazon expanded into spaces at Grace Lutheran Church to operate a resource hub and day center facility.
- However, due to increasing demand, Corazon has already outgrown these two locations.



# Background



- To acquire a new campus site, Corazon and its consultants will partner with the San Antonio Housing Trust to conduct property identification, due diligence, master planning, and site acquisition.
- Concurrently, the San Antonio Housing Trust is conducting its own master planning process and may purchase and hold a potential project site that would eventually serve as the campus site for Corazon and partner entities.



# Background

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- The proposed new campus would allow Corazon to increase meal production, serve more clients, engage more volunteers, and grow existing programs.
- Additional service expansion strategies may include medical respite, short-term skilled nursing, hospice, palliative care, or permanent supportive housing.
- In addition to the proposed services at the campus site, Corazon will continue operations and outreach out of Travis Park Church and the downtown area.

# Issue

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City Council consideration is requested for the authorization of an agreement with Corazon Ministries, Inc., the City, the Westside TIRZ Board of Directors, and the Houston Street TIRZ Board of Directors in a cumulative amount up to \$250,000, with a maximum contribution of up to \$125,000 from each TIRZ, to conduct all necessary activities including: assessment, planning, feasibility, design, and/or improvements to a future campus site within or near the Historic Cattleman Square area to provide services for unhoused clients.

# Fiscal Impact

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Funding for the agreement is available through tax increments produced by the Westside TIRZ and Houston Street TIRZ. There is no fiscal impact to the City's General Fund.

# Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of an agreement with Corazon Ministries, Inc., the City, the Westside TIRZ Board of Directors, and the Houston Street TIRZ Board of Directors in a cumulative amount up to \$250,000, with a maximum contribution of up to \$125,000 from each TIRZ, to conduct all necessary activities including: assessment, planning, feasibility, design, and/or improvements to a future campus site within or near the Historic Cattleman Square area to provide services for unhoused clients.



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