



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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DEPARTMENT: Public Works Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Razi Hosseini

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: District 3

SUBJECT:

Funding Agreement: Child Advocates San Antonio (CASA) Building Renovation

SUMMARY:

An ordinance approving the execution of a funding agreement between the Child Advocates San Antonio (CASA) and the City of San Antonio for capital improvements related to the CASA Building Renovation project in an amount of \$800,392.00. Funding is available from the General Fund included in the FY 2023 – FY 2028 Capital Improvement Program.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Child Advocates San Antonio (CASA) recruits, develops and leads highly impactful court-appointed volunteer advocates who support children and youth who have experienced child abuse and neglect. The organization provides much-needed services to the community, including serving foster children and allowing for a safe place for court-appointed child advocates to bring their CASA kids to play and learn. CASA is overseeing capital improvements to their building as part of the Fortress of Hope Project, which includes a new roof, an electronic billboard for community announcements and various other upgrades.

This agreement will be executed in compliance with the Small Business Economic Development

Advocacy (SBEDA) Program, which requires contracts be reviewed by a Goal Setting Committee to establish a requirement and/or incentive unique to the particular contract to maximize the amount of small, minority, and women-owned business participation on the contract. The Goal Setting Committee set a 25% Minority/Women Business Enterprise (M/WBE) and (5%) African American Business Enterprise (AABE) subcontracting goal.

ISSUE:

This ordinance approves the execution of a funding agreement between the Child Advocates San Antonio (CASA) and the City of San Antonio for capital improvements related to the CASA Building Renovation project in an amount of \$800,392.00.

The CASA Building Renovation project improvements will include a new privacy fence, outdoor play space, restrooms, a new roof, an electronic billboard, a library, and open workspaces. This funding agreement will provide for the design and construction management services for these improvements.

CASA will oversee the construction of improvements to the building, while the City will provide quality assurance for these improvements. Funding will be provided on a reimbursement basis once the design and construction are verified and approved. The city-funded building renovations are anticipated to be complete by December 2023. The remaining non-city-funded CASA renovation improvements are estimated to be completed by December 2025.

ALTERNATIVES:

City Council could choose not to approve this Funding Agreement; however, doing so would delay the City's commitment to funding and completion of the CASA Building Renovation project.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This ordinance authorizes the execution of a funding agreement with the Child Advocates San Antonio for capital improvements related to the CASA Building Renovation project in an amount of \$800,392.00, of which \$784,384.16 will be for the renovations and \$16,007.84 will be for program management associated with this project. As part of the adopted FY 2023 Annual Budget, funds in the amount of \$343,025.00 was allocated in FY 2023 and an anticipated \$457,367.00 in FY 2024. Funding is available from the General Fund included in the FY 2023 – FY 2028 Capital Improvement Program. Funding for future years is contingent upon Council approval of the annual budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the execution of a funding agreement between the Child Advocates of San Antonio and the City of San Antonio for the CASA Building Renovation project in an amount of \$800,392.00.

