

ORDINANCE 2021-06-10-0432

AWARDING CITY COUNCIL PROJECT FUND GRANT ALLOCATIONS TO SUPPORT THE CHOCO GONZALEZ MEZA POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR SCHOLARSHIP AT ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY FROM DISTRICTS 5, 3, 4, 6, 10 AND THE MAYOR IN THE A MOUNT OF \$50,000.00.

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WHEREAS, the City Council Project Fund supports events and programs that promote the health, safety and welfare of the community; family, social and economic stability; community fitness and recreation; and community education and training; and

WHEREAS, the CCPF permits the awarding of scholarships for the benefit of students attending an institution of higher education; and

WHEREAS, the CCPF Ordinance requires City Council approval for allocations exceeding \$10,000 to an applicant for the same program, activity, events, good or service; and

WHEREAS, District 5 City Councilwoman Shirley Gonzales sought and received the support of City Councilwomen Rebecca Viagran, Dr. Adriana Rocha Garcia, Melissa Cabello Havrda, Councilman Clayton Perry and Mayor Ron Nirenberg for the creation of and funding for a scholarship to honor the legacy of her mentor, Choco Gonzalez Meza, at St. Mary's University; and

WHEREAS, Choco Gonzalez Meza graduated from St. Mary's University in 1977 and dedicated her life to improving the community through her commitment to activism, social justice, and equality; and

WHEREAS, while a St. Mary's student, Choco was a lead researcher who helped Dr. Charles Cotrell draft the plan to create the single-member City Council Districts adopted in 1977 and still followed today; and

WHEREAS, her work enabled voting rights lawyers to challenge the at-large election form of government to a single-member district form of government which provides citizens a more equitable opportunity to represent their neighborhoods and has made generations of minority leadership possible; and

WHEREAS, her lifetime organizing for civil rights for Latinos and residents of the West Side established her as a pillar of leadership across San Antonio; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of her many years of service to the community, St. Mary's University and the City Council join Choco's family in establishing the Choco Gonzalez Meza Political Science Major Scholarship which will be awarded to political science majors at St. Mary's; and

WHEREAS, Political Science is one of the largest majors in the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences at St. Mary's, and each year, more than 120 students come to St. Mary's to major in political science and pursue their dreams of a career like Choco's, and, like Choco, 35% of St. Mary's undergraduates will be the first in their family to graduate from college, and 40% come from underprivileged families; and

WHEREAS, the contributions to the new scholarship meet the objectives set out in the CCPF Guidelines and it is the desire of City Council to support and approve these contributions; **NOW THEREFORE:**

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

SECTION 1. Funding from City Council Districts 5, 3, 4, 6, 10 and the Mayor in the amount of \$50,000.00 for the Choco Gonzalez Meza Political Science Major Scholarship at St. Mary's University is available as part of the Fiscal Year 2021 budget for CCPF as follows:

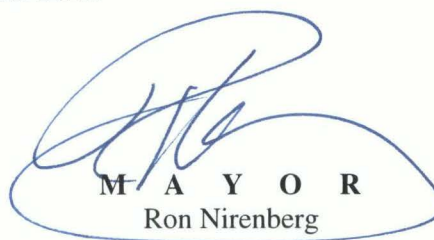
District	Amount	Fund	Cost Center	General Ledger
5	\$13,500.00	11001000	105050001	5201040
3	\$10,000.00	11001000	103050001	5201040
4	\$5,000.00	11001000	104050001	5201040
6	\$5,000.00	11001000	106005001	5201040
10	\$1,000.00	11001000	110005001	5201040
Mayor	\$15,000.00	11001000	115050001	5201040
	Total \$50,000.00			

SECTION 2. Payment not to exceed the budgeted amount is authorized to be made to the Choco Gonzalez Meza Political Science Major Scholarship at St. Mary's University.


SECTION 3. 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 4. This ordinance is effective immediately upon the receipt of eight affirmative votes; otherwise, it is effective ten days after passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 10th day of June 2021.



M A Y O R
Ron Nirenberg


ATTEST:



Tina J. Flores
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



 Andrew Segovia
City Attorney



City of San Antonio

City Council

June 10, 2021

Item: 13

File Number: 21-4292

Enactment Number:

2021-06-10-0432

Ordinance approving City Council Project Fund Grant allocation in an amount not less than \$50,000.00 with contributions from District 5, 3, 4, 6, 10, and the Mayor's Office to support the Choco Gonzalez Meza Political Science Major Scholarship at St. Mary's University [Ben Gorzell, Chief Financial Officer; Emily B. McGinn Assistant to City Council, Office of Mayor and Council]

Councilmember Jada Andrews-Sullivan made a motion to approve. Councilmember Ana E. Sandoval seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: 10 Nirenberg, Treviño, Andrews-Sullivan, Viagran, Rocha Garcia,
Gonzales, Cabello Havrda, Sandoval, Courage and Perry

Absent: 1 Pelaez