

ORDINANCE

APPROVING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE BUILDING ECOSYSTEMS FOR YOUTH OPPORTUNITY GRANT FROM THE ASPEN INSTITUTE FORUM FOR COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,000 FOR THE PERIOD FROM MAY 1, 2021 TO OCTOBER 31, 2022; AND AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE OF THE YOUTH SUCCESS DIVISION PERSONNEL COMPLEMENT FROM SIX TO SEVEN POSITIONS TO OVERSEE THE GRANT.

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WHEREAS, opportunity youth in the San Antonio community are disengaged from work and school and face a myriad of challenges; and

WHEREAS, in the fall of 2017, the Department of Human Services (DHS) facilitated a working group of seven City of San Antonio (COSA) departments providing youth services to develop an action plan to address those challenges; and

WHEREAS, the working group proposed the creation of a comprehensive re-engagement center for opportunity youth; and

WHEREAS, in September of 2018, the Mayor and City Council approved almost \$1 million in the Fiscal Year 2019 Adopted Budget to assist the estimated 34,000 opportunity youth living in San Antonio at that time; and

WHEREAS, in partnership with Communities in Schools-San Antonio and Goodwill San Antonio, in February 2019, the NXT Level Youth Opportunity Center opened at the Frank Garrett Multi-Service Center in District 1; and

WHEREAS, this area in zip code 78207 has some of the highest dropout and unemployment rates in the city; and

WHEREAS, using a trauma-informed approach, the program reconnects youth to school and/or the workplace by addressing the youth's personal barriers and providing a caring support system throughout their time in the program; and

WHEREAS, last year, the Aspen Institute Forum for Community Solutions awarded DHS the Scaling Pathways for Opportunity Youth Planning Grant; and

WHEREAS, this planning grant has been the catalyst for more strategic conversations on how to better serve opportunity youth; and

WHEREAS, working with over 20 community organizations that support opportunity youth, NXT Level developed a comprehensive three-year strategic plan; and

WHEREAS, part of this work also included the formation of a deliberate pathway for opportunity youth without a high school credential to attain post-secondary and work experience options; and

WHEREAS, this pathway was proposed to the Aspen Institute for funding in January 2021 and San Antonio was one of four communities in the nation to be awarded the accelerator grant on April 8, 2021; **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 the Department of Human Services (DHS) or designee is hereby authorized to accept the Building Ecosystems for Youth Opportunity Grant from the Aspen Institute Forum for Community Solutions in the amount of \$100,000 for the period from May 1, 2021 to October 31, 2022. A copy of the grant application is on file with DHS.

SECTION 2. The proposed increase of the Youth Success Division personnel complement from six to seven positions by adding a temporary senior management analyst position to oversee the grant, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as **Attachment I**, is hereby approved. Should funding be awarded, the personnel complement is approved.

SECTION 3. The budget, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes as **Attachment II**, is approved and adopted for entry in the City books.

SECTION 4. The City Manager or designee, or the Director of the Department of Human Services (DHS) or designee, is further authorized to initiate, negotiate, and execute any and all necessary documents and a grant contract to effectuate the acceptance of the grant referenced in Section 1 of this ordinance and to execute contract amendments pertaining to this contract to include a) carry-over funds, when ascertained and approved by the funding agency through a revised notice of award; b) line item budget revisions authorized by the funding agency; c) modifications to the performance measures authorized by the funding agency and listed in the contract so long as the terms of the amendment stay within the general parameters of the intent of the grant; d) no cost extensions; e) amendments which will provide supplemental grant funds to the grant by the funding agency in an amount up to 20% of the total amount initially awarded for the grant; f) reimbursement increases of administrative funds for each participant served; g) amendments funding one time equipment purchases or defined program services; and h) changes in regulations mandated by the funding agency.

SECTION 5. [FINANCIAL LANGUAGE]

SECTION 6. 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 Cost Centers, WBS Elements, Internal Orders, General Ledger Accounts, and Fund Numbers as necessary to carry out the purpose of this Ordinance.

SECTION 7. This Ordinance is effective immediately upon the receipt of eight affirmative votes; otherwise, it is effective ten days after passage.

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Item No. 00

PASSED AND APPROVED this ____ day ____.

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ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Leticia M. Vacek, City Clerk

Andy Segovia, City Attorney