

**THIS IS A PROPOSED DRAFT AND WILL BE REPLACED BY THE FINAL, SIGNED
ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL.**

ORDINANCE

**RATIFYING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND
AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS IN AN
AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$75,000.00 FROM THE NATIONAL
LEAGUE OF CITIES INSTITUTE FOR YOUTH, EDUCATION AND
FAMILIES AND THE CHILDREN & NATURE NETWORK AS PART
OF THE CITIES CONNECTING CHILDREN TO NATURE
INITIATIVE; WITH A TERM BEGINNING MARCH 2018 THROUGH
OCTOBER 2020.**

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WHEREAS, the NLC released a special call for applications for their CCCN grant which is geared toward an equity-based approach to connecting children with the natural world; and

WHEREAS, the CCCN grant program is designed to help support cities across the country develop planning strategies and pursue projects that create equitable access and connections between children and nature in urban areas; and

WHEREAS, in March 2018, San Antonio was selected along with Atlanta, Baltimore, Gary Indiana, Houston, and St. Louis as grant recipients; and

WHEREAS, during an intensive eight-month CCCN planning phase, grant funds would be used toward community assessment, planning, and the development of an implementation plan designed to encourage the City of San Antonio to pursue projects that create equitable access and connections between children and nature in urban areas; and

WHEREAS, to achieve this, a core team consisting of City staff and community partners will interact with CCCN project staff to establish baselines of community engagement, map existing citywide systems, identify priority populations and analyze assets, gaps, barriers, and opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the planning phase will focus on data discovery as related to identifying possible target areas that can be addressed in the implementation phase; and

WHEREAS, this will require broad participation among local government agencies, non-profits, schools, and other community organizations; and

WHEREAS, some potential concerns that may be addressed are childhood obesity, transportation, and walkability as it relates to nature deficit disorder among school-age children; and

WHEREAS, in early May, members of the core team and CCCN will hold a technical assistance planning meeting with local stakeholders and community partners to carefully outline the strategic vision for San Antonio; and

WHEREAS, based on the efforts and outcomes from this planning process, San Antonio may be approved for the two year implementation phase of the grant; and

WHEREAS, this implementation phase will focus on one or more projects and policies that will address a focus area determined by the stakeholder and community partner groups during the planning phase; **NOW THEREFORE:**

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

SECTION 1. The submission of a grant application for up to \$75,000.00 from the National League of Cities Institute for Youth, Education and Families and the Children & Nature Network as part of the Cities Connecting Children to Nature initiative is hereby ratified. The City Manager, or her designee, or the Director of the Parks and Recreation Department or his designee is hereby authorized to accept such grant if it is awarded. A copy of said application is attached hereto as **Attachment I.**

SECTION 2. The City Manager, or her designee, or the Director of the Parks and Recreation Department or his designee is further authorized to execute any and all necessary documents to effectuate said application and acceptance.

SECTION 3. The financial allocations in this Ordinance are subject to approval by the Director of Finance, City of San Antonio. The Director of Finance 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 _____ day of _____, 2018.

M A Y O R
Ron Nirenberg

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Item #18-3028

Leticia M. Vacek, City Clerk

Andrew Segovia, City Attorney