

AN ORDINANCE 2017 - 06 - 15 - 0444

**RATIFYING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE VERA INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE SAFETY AND FAIRNESS FOR EVERYONE (SAFE) CITIES NETWORK GRANT AND THE ACCEPTANCE UPON AWARD TO PROVIDE LEGAL REPRESENTATION TO IMMIGRANTS IN REMOVAL PROCEEDINGS WHILE KEEPING FAMILIES TOGETHER AND COMMUNITIES SAFE.**

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**WHEREAS**, on March 8, 2017, at the “B” Session presentation pertaining to the City’s First Quarter financial report, Councilman Rey Saldaña requested alternatives to provide education and legal representation to San Antonio immigrant families; and

**WHEREAS**, at the May 10th “B” Session, the City Council was presented with recommendations for the FY 2017 Mid-Year Budget Adjustment, including a proposed allocation of \$150,000 from the general fund budget \$1 million contingency to provide legal services to low-income residents; and

**WHEREAS**, these legal services will include education seminars, counseling and legal representation on a variety of issues including veteran issues, landlord-tenant, identification recovery for homeless, immigration, and simple wills; and

**WHEREAS**, based on direction from the City Council, a request for proposal was released on May 26th to provide entities the opportunity to submit proposals to provide the legal services approved by City Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the RFP will close on June 30 and a recommendation for legal services provider(s) will be brought to City Council for approval in early August; and

**WHEREAS**, additionally, at the May 10th “B” Session, the City Council provided direction for the submission of a letter of interest to the Vera Institute of Justice for a one-time grant match opportunity to provide legal services to immigrants; and

**WHEREAS**, subsequent to the submittal of the letter of interest, the City of San Antonio was invited to apply for a SAFE (Safety and Fairness for Everyone) Cities Network grant by the Vera Institute of Justice; and

**WHEREAS**, the Vera Institute of Justice allocated \$1.5 million for a one-time catalytic grant that would be divided among 10 to 12 winning local governments across the country; and

**WHEREAS**, the grant requires a 1:1 financial match; and

**WHEREAS**, the grant application was submitted on Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, if the City of San Antonio is awarded a grant (estimated to be up to \$150,000) the funds will be used to augment the \$150,000 allocation for legal services approved by the City Council on March 11<sup>th</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, additionally, the City will become a member of the SAFE (Safety and Fairness for Everyone) Cities Network that is intended to provide jurisdictions with support involving best practices in addressing legal representation to immigrants in affirmative immigration proceedings as well as removal proceedings; and

**WHEREAS**, the Network support also includes best practices in communication strategies involving immigrant legal issues; and

**WHEREAS**, the scope of legal services that the City will provide to low income immigrant families includes educating the community on immigrant rights, assisting immigrants who are crime victims in representation, providing guidance to parents of U.S. Citizen children, providing support to immigrant victims of domestic violence, providing advice to trafficking victims, providing support for special immigrant juvenile status, and supporting family-based petitions;  
**NOW THEREFORE:**

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

**SECTION 1.** The submission of a grant application to the Vera Institute of Justice Safety and Fairness for Everyone (SAFE) Cities Network Grant to provide legal representation to immigrants in removal proceedings while keeping families together and communities safe is hereby ratified and the acceptance upon award in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 is hereby approved. This grant requires a one-to-one cash match for the amount awarded. A copy of said application which is incorporated herein for all purposes is on file with the Department of Human Services.

**SECTION 2.** The City Manager or her designee, or the Director of the Department of Human Services (DHS) or her designee, is further authorized to execute any and all necessary documents to effectuate said application and acceptance.

**SECTION 3.** Upon acceptance of this award, new funds and internal order numbers will be created, upon which the award amount will be appropriated from the Vera Institute of Justice. The amount to be accepted is contingent upon availability of cash match funding in Fund 11001000, Cost Center 8002060069, General Ledger 5201040.

**SECTION 4.** 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.

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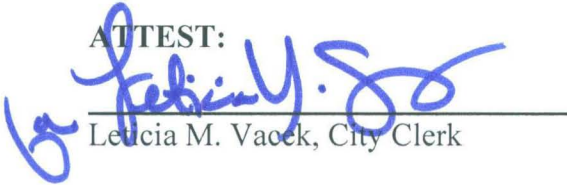
**SECTION 5.** This Ordinance is effective immediately upon the receipt of eight affirmative votes; otherwise, it is effective ten days after passage.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this 15th day of June, 2017.



**M A Y O R**  
Ivy R. Taylor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Leticia M. Vaock, City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
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for Andrew Segovia, City Attorney

<b>Agenda Item:</b>	15 ( in consent vote: 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11A, 11B, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 35A, 35B )						
<b>Date:</b>	06/15/2017						
<b>Time:</b>	09:32:16 AM						
<b>Vote Type:</b>	Motion to Approve						
<b>Description:</b>	An Ordinance ratifying the submission of a grant application to the Vera Institute of Justice Safety and Fairness for Everyone (SAFE) Cities Network Grant and the acceptance upon award to provide legal representation to immigrants in removal proceedings while keeping families together and communities safe. [María Villagómez, Assistant City Manager; Melody Woosley, Director, Human Services]						
<b>Result:</b>	Passed						
<b>Voter</b>	<b>Group</b>	<b>Not Present</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Motion</b>	<b>Second</b>
Ivy R. Taylor	Mayor		x				
Roberto C. Treviño	District 1		x			x	
Alan Warrick	District 2		x				
Rebecca Viagran	District 3		x				
Rey Saldaña	District 4		x				
Shirley Gonzales	District 5		x				
Ray Lopez	District 6		x				
Ana E. Sandoval	District 7		x				
Ron Nirenberg	District 8		x				
Joe Krier	District 9		x				
Michael Gallagher	District 10		x				x