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AN ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN AMERICORPS VISTA GRANT APPLICATION TO THE CORPORATION OF NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE AND ACCEPTANCE UPON AWARD OF A GRANT PROVIDING UP TO 10 VISTA MEMBERS FOR THE PERIOD OF AUGUST 16, 2014 THROUGH AUGUST 15, 2015; AND APPROVING A CASH MATCH BUDGET OF UP TO \$22,704.00.

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WHEREAS, the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) is a federal agency that helps more than 5 million Americans improve the lives of their fellow citizens through service; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps VISTA, a CNCS program, was founded in 1965 as a national service program designed specifically to fight poverty in America; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps VISTA members (VISTAs) serve full-time for a year in anti-poverty organizations and agencies, working directly and indirectly on issues that fight illiteracy, improve health services, create businesses, increase housing opportunities, improve college access, bridge the digital divide, and build the organizational, administrative and financial capacity of organizations that assist low-income communities; and

WHEREAS, approximately 6,500 VISTAs are placed each year in more than 1,200 projects across the country, receive a modest living allowance and, if serving for one year, also receive health coverage and other benefits if needed; and

WHEREAS, project sponsors must direct the project, supervise the VISTAs, and provide administrative support, and may provide a financial match of 20% of the living allowance of the volunteer; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Antonio submitted a concept paper to CNCS on February 14, 2014 indicating the City's interest in sponsoring a total of 10 VISTA members in four City departments and SA2020, and was subsequently invited by CNCS to submit an application; and

WHEREAS, if the application is approved, 10 VISTAs would be recruited and managed by the City of San Antonio, with funding for member stipends provided directly by CNCS to the VISTA members, which includes a 20% cash match by the City; **NOW THEREFORE:**

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

SECTION 1. The City Manager or her designee, or the Director of the Department of Human Services (DHS) or her designee, is authorized to submit an AmeriCorps VISTA grant application to the Corporation of National and Community Service (CNCS), and to accept upon award up to \$90,186.00 of in-kind AmeriCorps VISTA member services and provide a cash match of up to \$22,704.00 for the period of August 16, 2014 through August 15, 2015. A copy of the grant application is incorporated herein for all purposes and is on file with DHS.

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

SECTION 3. Upon acceptance of this award, a new fund and internal order number will be created, upon which the sum of \$90,186.00 of in-kind services will be appropriated from CNCS, and \$22,704.00 will be appropriated from the General Fund.

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.

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 _____ day of _____, 2014.

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ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Leticia M. Vacek, City Clerk

Robert F. Greenblum, City Attorney