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AN ORDINANCE

**ESTABLISHING THE NORTHEAST CORRIDOR
ENHANCEMENT MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM BY
ALLOCATING TO IT \$100,000.00 IN PREVIOUSLY
BUDGETED FUNDS FROM THE FY 2015 NON-
DEPARTMENTAL/ NON-OPERATING GENERAL FUND
BUDGET; AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF
ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS AND CONTRACTS
NECESSARY TO ADMINISTER THE GRANT PROGRAM.**

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WHEREAS, on June 6, 2014, City Council passed an Ordinance adopting a Revitalization Plan for the Northeast Corridor (NEC); and

WHEREAS, in order to secure a dedicated source of revenue to implement the strategies identified in the NEC Revitalization Plan, City Council passed an Ordinance creating Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Thirty-Three (also known as “NEC TIRZ”) on December 4, 2014; and

WHEREAS, as the NEC TIRZ generates revenue, it will provide the primary source of funding for NEC revitalization projects; and

WHEREAS, however, a gap in funding exists between the adoption of the NEC TIRZ and receipt of its first revenue; and

WHEREAS, interim funds were set aside in the FY 2015 Non-Departmental/Non-Operating general fund budget to bridge the funding gap and support the projects identified in the NEC Revitalization Plan for FY 2015; and

WHEREAS, the NEC Enhancement Matching Grant Program is one such project; and

WHEREAS, the NEC Enhancement Matching Grant Program is critical to the achievement of the NEC Revitalization Plan Goals such as improving Corridor Design, increasing Corridor Marketability, and Business Development; and

WHEREAS, the NEC Enhancement Matching Grant Program is a mechanism for assisting commercial property owners and/or tenants with the cost of making façade, landscape, and signage improvements to their businesses; and

WHEREAS, cumulative improvements to the commercial streetscape enhance the NEC's overall appearance and function, which, in turn, attracts customer traffic and private investment; and

WHEREAS, \$100,000.00 will be used to provide the City match portion of the NEC Enhancement Grants to qualified applicants; and

WHEREAS, the NEC Enhancement Matching Grant Program will be administered on a competitive, matching reimbursement basis; and

WHEREAS, maximum award amounts for each category of improvement, façade, landscape, and signage, will be set at \$20,000.00, \$5,000.00, and \$2,000.00, respectively; **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 Planning and Community Development, or his designee, is authorized to establish the Northeast Corridor Enhancement Matching Grant program by allocating to it \$100,000.00 in previously budgeted funds from the FY 2015 Non-Departmental/Non-Operating General Fund budget.

SECTION 2. A description of the Northeast Corridor Enhancement Matching Grant Program, grant application and Northeast Corridor Design Guidelines are attached hereto as **Attachments I, II, and III** respectively.

SECTION 3. The City Manager, or her designee, or the Director of the Department of Planning and Community Development, or his designee, is hereby authorized to execute a contract and a Covenant and Agreement with the grant applicant for the NEC Enhancement Matching Grant Program. A copy of the grant contract and Covenant and Agreement templates are attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes as **Attachments IV and V**, respectively.

SECTION 4. The City Manager, or her designee, or the Director of the Department of Planning and Community Development, or his designee, is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents and contracts necessary to administer the Northeast Corridor Enhancement Matching Grant program.

SECTION 5. Funding in the amount of \$100,000.00 for this ordinance is available for Fund 11001000, Cost Center 0800206001 and General Ledger 5201040, as part of the Fiscal Year 2015 Budget.

SECTION 6. 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 7. 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 _____.

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ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Leticia M. Vacek, City Clerk

Martha G. Sepeda, Acting City Attorney