

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

AN ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE RESIDENTIAL ENERGY ASSISTANCE PARTNERSHIP, INC. THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2018 FOR THE ISSUANCE OF UTILITY ASSISTANCE CREDITS AS PART OF THE RESIDENTIAL ENERGY ASSISTANCE PARTNERSHIP UTILITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, WITH A PROJECTED AMOUNT OF \$800,000.00 IN CREDITS FOR 2016, AND WITH TWO (2) AUTOMATIC ANNUAL RENEWALS; AND AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH CPS ENERGY THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2018 FOR THE ISSUANCE OF UTILITY ASSISTANCE CREDITS AS PART OF THE PROJECT WINTER ASSISTANCE RELIEF MOBILIZATION PROGRAM, WITH A PROJECTED AMOUNT OF \$75,000.00 IN CREDITS FOR 2016, AND WITH TWO (2) AUTOMATIC ANNUAL RENEWALS.

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WHEREAS, in 2002, the City of San Antonio, Bexar County, and CPS Energy established the Residential Energy Assistance Partnership (REAP), Inc. as a method to help local economically disadvantaged families needing utility assistance; and

WHEREAS, specifically, REAP provides direct utility bill credits to income qualifying CPS Energy ratepayers living within the City limits and Bexar County; and

WHEREAS, REAP funds are raised locally, financed by donations from CPS Energy ratepayers and trust investment income, and are specifically allocated to help residents in need throughout the San Antonio community; and

WHEREAS, Winter Assistance Relief Mobilization (WARM) funds also provide utility assistance benefits for qualifying low income City of San Antonio and Bexar County residents; and

WHEREAS, WARM was established in 1982 and is funded entirely by interest earned from the \$7.5 million Project WARM Trust; and

WHEREAS, the City's Department of Human Services administers REAP and WARM credits through the Family Assistance Division on an appointment basis or as needed through emergency referrals from the community; and

WHEREAS, Community Services Specialists are funded through the City's general fund to support CPS bill assistance to screen and certify participants to determine program eligibility; and

WHEREAS, eligible participants must be at or below 125% of the federal poverty guidelines (\$30,375.00 annually for a family of four), and may receive up to \$400.00 in credits per year for REAP or \$150.00 in credits per year for WARM; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, REAP and WARM assistance credits helped approximately 7,000 households; **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, or her designee is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with the Residential Energy Assistance Partnership, Inc. through December 31, 2018 for the issuance of utility assistance credits in a projected amount of \$800,000.00 in 2016 for the Residential Energy Assistance Partnership utility assistance program with two (2) automatic annual renewals. A copy of the agreement, in substantially final form, is attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes as **Attachment I**.

SECTION 2. The City Manager or her designee, or the Director of the Department of Human Services, or her designee is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with CPS Energy through December 31, 2018 for the issuance of utility assistance credits in a projected amount of \$75,000.00 in 2016 for the Project Winter Assistance Relief Mobilization program with two (2) automatic annual renewals. A copy of the agreement, in substantially final form, is attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes as **Attachment II**.

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 _____.

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Ivy R. Taylor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Leticia M. Vacek, City Clerk

Martha G. Sepeda, Acting City Attorney