



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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DEPARTMENT: Transportation & Capital Improvements

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Mike Frisbie, P.E.

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: City Wide

SUBJECT:

Funding Agreement: Guadalupe Cultural Arts (2012 Bond Project), Amendment

SUMMARY:

An ordinance for the Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center Project, a 2012-2017 Bond Program project, authorizing an amendment to the funding agreement with the Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

On May 12, 2012, San Antonio voters approved the 2012-2017 Bond Program, consisting of five propositions totaling \$596 million. The Bond Program funds will be used on various capital improvement projects, to address community infrastructure needs and improve the overall quality of life in San Antonio. As part of that program, \$845,000.00 in Library, Museum and Cultural Arts Improvements General Obligation Bond funds was approved for renovations of the Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center Pharmacy building.

The Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center (GCAC), is a non-profit community-based organization, located in the heart of San Antonio's west side at 1300 Guadalupe Street. Since its founding in 1980, the GCAC has worked to preserve, promote, and develop the arts and culture of the Chicano/Latino/Native American heritage for all ages and backgrounds through public and educational programs in six disciplines: dance, literature, media arts, theater arts, visual arts and music. GCAC also has introduced, showcased and fostered the talents of various Chicano/Latino visual artists, filmmakers, playwrights, actors, writers, folkloric dancers/choreographers and musicians. To accommodate and preserve San Antonio's largest community based multidisciplinary organization for the benefit of the community and future generations, GCAC plans to renovate their Pharmacy

building. Renovations include a public space to house archival cultural artifacts, a historical museum, improvements to vertical circulation and ADA accessibility for the upstairs areas. Project design is anticipated to begin in May 2015 and estimated to be completed in September 2015. Project construction is anticipated to begin in November 2015.

Previous Council Action:

City Council previously approved the funding agreement and lease agreement with Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center on September 5, 2013, ordinance 2013-09-05-0585.

ISSUE:

This ordinance authorizes an amendment to the previously executed funding agreement with Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center, removing the requirement for GCAC to raise additional funds.

Under the new terms of the funding agreement, the City shall still provide an amount not to exceed \$845,000.00 but will not require GCAC to provide matching funds. Instead any additional funding would have to be provided from GCAC's fundraising efforts. This funding agreement will facilitate the renovation of Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center's Pharmacy Building, a 2012 Bond project approved by the voters, for renovations, to include a public space to house archival cultural artifacts, a historical museum, improvements to vertical circulation and ADA accessibility for the upstairs areas. Project design is anticipated to begin in May 2015 and estimated to be completed in September 2015. Project construction is anticipated to begin in November 2015.

ALTERNATIVES:

City Council could choose not to approve this action, however, considering the additional time GCAC would need to identify alternative funding, this would adversely affect the timely completion and funding of this project. The City would be unable to move forward with one of the Bond projects approved by the voters in 2012.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no change to the fiscal impact of \$845,000.00 previously authorized on September 5, 2013 through ordinance 2013-09-05-0585, payable to the Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center. The amendment to the funding agreement removes the requirement of GCAC to provide matching funds and instead will require any additional funding to be provided from GCAC's fundraising efforts.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council authorize the City Manager and/or the Director of the Transportation & Capital Improvements Department or his designee to execute all documents and contracts as needed in connection with this ordinance.