

# City of San Antonio

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Title: Briefing on the Train for Jobs SA program, which implements the Workforce Development Pillar within

the COVID-19 Community Recovery and Resiliency Plan.?[Alejandra Lopez; Assistant City Manager

and Interim Director, Economic Development]?

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**DEPARTMENT:** Economic Development

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Alejandra Lopez

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** City-wide

#### **SUBJECT:**

Updates on the Workforce Development Pillar within the COVID-19 Community Recovery and Resiliency Plan.

## **SUMMARY:**

This item provides an update on the progress of the Train for Jobs SA program, approved by City Council on June 4, 2020.

# **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The Train for Jobs SA program offers workforce training and education to San Antonio residents who have been negatively affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. The City of San Antonio has partnered with Workforce Solutions Alamo, Alamo Colleges, Project Quest, Restore Education, Family Service, Chrysalis Ministries, and

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SA Works to implement the program. Once admitted, participants receive subsidized tuition and stipends while participating in approved training courses, including high school equivalency preparation, short-term and long-term training. The program also offers wraparound services to participants, including skills and career assessments, childcare, transportation, and emergency funding to remove barriers to completion.

## **ISSUE:**

This briefing will include an update on the implementation of the Train for Jobs SA workforce development program including a breakdown of participant demographics, enrollment, training programs and industries, as well as job placements to date. As of March 2021 it is estimated that 75% of roughly 219,000 area residents that filed for unemployment insurance benefits since March 2020 remain unemployed and may be impacted by changes to benefit levels to take effect in July. As a result of these changes, our Train for Jobs partners anticipate additional interest in the training and stipend support available through this program.

#### **ALTERNATIVES:**

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#### FISCAL IMPACT:

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#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

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