



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**DEPARTMENT:** Parks and Recreation

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Janet A. Martin, Interim Director

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** City Wide

### **SUBJECT:**

Grant Application and Acceptance of Summer Food Service Program

### **SUMMARY:**

This ordinance authorizes the submission of a grant application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for \$1,311,666.05 to fund the 2016 Summer Food Service Program operated by the Parks and Recreation Department (SAPAR) for the period of June 13, 2016, through August 19, 2016. This action also authorizes the acceptance of the grant if awarded, any additional Texas Department of Agriculture funds for food service awarded during the term of this grant, as well as carry forward of remaining funds from the 2015 program of up to \$71,347.80, for a total program budget of approximately \$1,383,013.85.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

This application will allow the continuation of the Summer Food Service Program that has provided nutritional meals to children age eighteen and below in our community during the summer months since 1969. The program will enable service to over 7,600 children, with maximum capacity to serve approximately 291,820 lunches and 273,190 snacks throughout the summer in conjunction with the SAPAR's Summer Youth Programs and other city-wide non-profit organizations' programs at over 71 sites. The Parks and Recreation Department provides these services through an outside contractor selected through a competitive process. Parks and Recreation staff coordinated with Metro Health to ensure a Por Vida designated and reduced sodium healthy menu again this year.

If awarded, this ordinance allows the establishment of a fund, budget and 12 temporary employee positions to

coordinate the food program. The proposed budget for the Summer Food Service Program is outlined in Attachment I. The positions will meet all applicable guidelines regarding temporary employees. This ordinance will also allow the City to accept any additional Texas Department of Agriculture funds for food service awarded during the term of this grant. Funds are provided through reimbursement of actual expenditures associated with the program.

#### **ISSUE:**

The Texas Department of Agriculture grant application is consistent with City policy to apply for grants to enhance service delivery by supplementing local funds. This item authorizes the submission of an application to the Texas Department of Agriculture to fund the 2016 Summer Food Service Program, acceptance of the grant if awarded and any additional Texas Department of Agriculture funds for food service awarded during the term of this grant.

#### **ALTERNATIVES:**

Non-submission of the grant application will require other funds be identified in order for the program to continue, or require that children participating in the Summer Youth Program, at swimming pools, or other agency summer programs will have to provide their own meals.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

In addition to the \$1,311,666.05 grant, this action also authorizes the carry forward of remaining funds from the 2015 program of \$71,347.80, for a total program budget of \$1,383,013.85. This will provide for all project costs, including personnel and support services. The \$1,234,270.40 allocated for the purchase of food equals 89% of the total program budget (including carry forward). The remainder is utilized for support services, including personnel, transportation, equipment, and fees. Funds are provided through reimbursement of actual expenditures associated with the program. This action requires no General Fund commitment.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval for this ordinance authorizing the submission of an application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for \$1,311,666.05 to fund the 2016 Summer Food Service Program operated by the Parks and Recreation Department for the period of June 13, 2016, through August 19, 2016, the acceptance of the grant if awarded, and any additional Texas Department of Agriculture funds for food service awarded during the term of this grant, as well as the carry forward remaining funds from the 2015 program of up to \$71,347.80.