



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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DEPARTMENT: City Manager's Office

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COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: City Wide

SUBJECT:

Briefing on AlamoPROMISE program and funding request

SUMMARY:

Presentation by Alamo Colleges on the AlamoPROMISE program and a briefing by City staff on the funding request made to the City of San Antonio.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

In July of 2019, Alamo Colleges District board voted to launch the first phase of the AlamoPROMISE program that will provide new graduates of Bexar County high schools free tuition at its five Alamo Colleges: Northeast Lakeview College, Northwest Vista College, Palo Alto College, San Antonio College, and St. Philips College.

AlamoPromise ensures that tuition and mandatory fees at the Alamo Colleges are covered for students who graduate from participating high schools. As a last-dollar funding, AlamoPROMISE covers the gap between financial aid and the cost of tuition for up to three years. To become an AlamoPROMISE Scholar, you must be a senior graduating from one of the 25 participating high schools with a high school diploma in 2020 and a Bexar County resident eligible for in-district tuition. Phase 1 High Schools include:

Brackenridge	Highlands	Lanier	Sam Houston
Burbank	Holmes	Lee	Somerset
East Central	Jefferson	Legacy	South San
Edison	John F Kennedy	McCollum	Southside

Fox Tech	John Jay	Memorial	Southwest
Harlandale	Judson	Roosevelt	Wagner
Young Women's Leadership Academy			

By the fall of 2021, the AlamoPROMISE program will be available to all students graduating with a diploma from an additional 20 participating high schools. Phase 2 schools include:

Alamo Heights	Harlan	Marshall	Stevens
Brandeis	Health Careers	O'Connor	Stacey
Brennan	Johnson	Randolph	Taft
Churchill	Macarthur	Reagan	Warren
Clark	Madison	Robert G Cole	International School of Americas

The proposed funding plan for AlamoPromise includes private, federal, and local participation to include annual contributions from the City and County. Year 1 of the program is estimated to cost \$5.6 million and Year 5 is estimated to increase to \$39.7 million. If funded as proposed, approximately 36,000 unduplicated students will be served over 5 years.

Alamo Colleges submitted a funding request to the City and County in July 2019. The FY2020 City Budget included \$154,218 for year 1 and an additional \$1,424,331 is available from the FY2020 budget reserves if approved by City Council. The sources of funds for the remainder of the request have not been identified. The FY2020 Bexar County Budget also includes funding for Year 1 in the amount of \$154,218.

AlamoPROMISE Scholar Funding	Year 1 FY 2021 Fa20/Sp21	Year 2 FY 2022 Fa21/Sp22	Year 3 FY 2023 Fa22/Sp23	Year 4 FY 2024 Fa23/Sp24	Year 5 FY 2025 Fa24/Sp25	5-Yr total
Alamo Colleges Foundation (Private Funding)	-	316,518	580,003	1,636,771	1,893,538	4,426,830
Alamo Colleges Grant Aid (TPEG)	261,621	895,528	1,523,154	2,001,643	2,325,686	7,007,632
Federal Financial Aid (Pell)	5,082,435	12,295,012	19,242,919	24,034,758	27,948,540	88,603,665
Promise Scholarship Request: City of San Antonio	154,218	1,424,331	2,610,016	3,273,542	3,787,075	11,249,182
Promise Scholarship Request: Bexar County	154,218	1,424,331	2,610,016	3,273,542	3,787,075	11,249,182
TOTAL	5,652,492	16,355,721	26,566,108	34,220,256	39,741,914	122,536,491

ISSUE:

Alamo Colleges and City staff would like the opportunity to brief the full council on the AlamoPromise program and discuss the funding plan as proposed by Alamo Colleges.

ALTERNATIVES:

This item is for briefing purposes only.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The FY2020 City Budget included funding for year 1 of the funding plan. Funding for year 2 has been

identified in the General Fund as part of the FY 2020 Budget Amendments approved by City Council on September 12. Funding for year's 3-5 has not been identified. Staff will return to City Council with a recommended funding plan for AlamoPromise at a future Council meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

This item is for briefing purposes only.