



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**DEPARTMENT:** Neighborhood and Housing Services Department

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Verónica R. Soto, FAICP, Director

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** 2

### **SUBJECT:**

An ordinance authorizing a Development Agreement for an amount not to exceed \$90,000 between the Board of Directors for Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Number Eleven, City of San Antonio, and SA Williams Historical National Museum for eligible public improvements for the Williams Historical National Museum Project located at 506 Montana Street in Council District 2.

### **SUMMARY:**

This Development Agreement facilitates the eligible public improvements to include plans to renovate the historic St. Joseph African Methodist Church and to memorialize the rich history of the east side and convert the building into a museum. In addition, the extensive renovation work will focus on plumbing, electrical, carpentry, HVAC, restoring historical furniture and fixtures and public improvements needed to upgrade the infrastructure. The project has a total cost of \$330,900.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

In June 2020 the Williams Historical National Museum applied for funding from the City's Tax Increment Financing Program to undertake the oversight and delivery of the Williams Historical National Museum Project. This project will convert the historic St. Josephs African Methodist Church into an interactive museum that preserves the rich history of local African American leaders of the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> century. The museum will introduce visitors to local nationally renowned leaders that brought growth and prosperity to the community. The museum plans on hosting group tours, on-site and on-line sale of artifacts, and host private events.

On August 26, 2020 the Inner City TIRZ board approved funding in an amount not to exceed \$90,000 for eligible public improvements. The project is expected to commence in October 2020 with an expected

completion date of December 31, 2021.

**ISSUE:**

The Inner City TIRZ Board approved funding for public improvements for an amount not to exceed \$90,000 on August 26, 2020. City Council consideration is requested for the authorization of a Development Agreement between the Board of Directors for Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Number Eleven, City of San Antonio, Texas, and Williams Historical National Museum.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

Should this Development Agreement with Williams Historical National Museum for an amount not to exceed \$90,000 not be authorized, it will require the developer to seek an alternate funding source for public improvements.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

This ordinance authorizes execution of a Development Agreement with Inner City Board of Directors of Reinvestment Zone #11 and Williams Historical National Museum to provide funding in an amount not to exceed \$90,000. Funding for this agreement is available through the tax increment produced by the Inner City TIRZ #11. There will be no impact to the General Fund.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval to execute a Development Agreement with Williams Historical National Museum for eligible public improvements for the Williams Historical National Museum Project.