#### Memorandum



DATE January 30, 2015

- <sup>TO</sup> Members of the Budget, Finance & Audit Committee: Jerry R. Allen (Chair), Jennifer S. Gates (Vice Chair), Tennell Atkins, Sheffie Kadane, Philip T. Kingston
- SUBJECT City of San Antonio's Department of Human Services-Family Assistance Services Comprehensive Model

On February 2, 2015, the Budget, Finance and Audit Committee will be briefed on the City of San Antonio's Department of Human Services- Family Assistance Services Comprehensive Model. The briefing will be presented by Melody Woosley, Director of the Department of Human Services for the City of San Antonio.

Please let me know if you need additional information.

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Chief Financial Officer

c: Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council A.C. Gonzalez, City Manager Warren M.S. Ernst, City Attorney Craig D. Kinton, City Auditor Rosa A. Rios, City Secretary Daniel F. Solis, Administrative Judge Ryan S. Evans, First Assistant City Manager Jill A. Jordan, P.E., Assistant City Manager Joey Zapata, Assistant City Manager Mark McDaniel, Assistant City Manager Eric D. Campbell, Assistant City Manager Forest E. Turner, Chief Wellness Officer Sana Syed, Public Information Officer Elsa Cantu, Assistant to the City Manager

### City of San Antonio

### **Department of Human Services**

Teamwork 

Integrity

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# Family Assistance Services Comprehensive Model

Melody Woosley Director February 2, 2015 Budget, Finance and Audit Committee

### **Our Mission**





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**7<sup>th</sup> Largest City in the Nation** 1.4M residents

**19.9% Poverty Rate** 17.6% Texas/14.5% Nationally

**80.7% High School Graduation rate** 81.2% Texas/86% Nationally

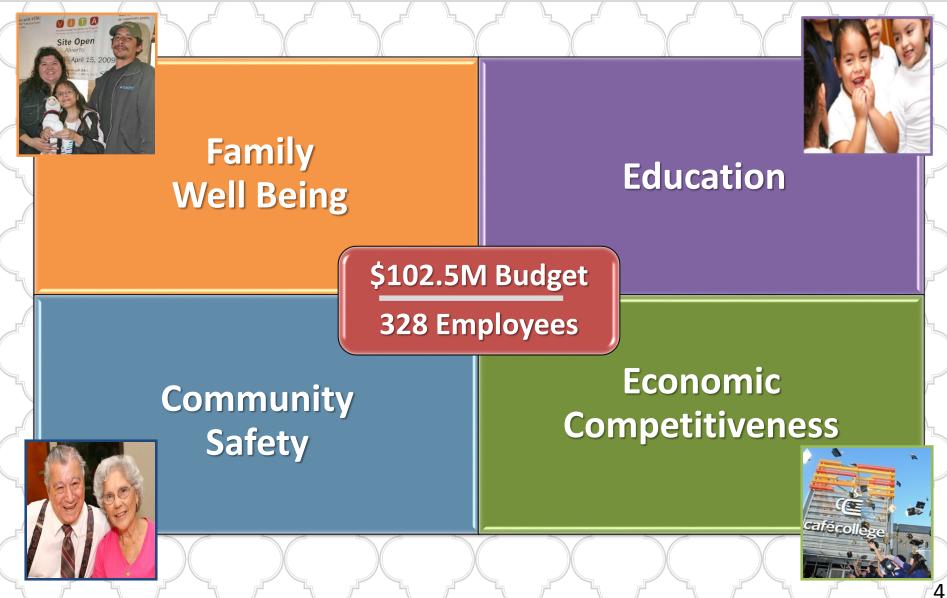
Shortage of low-income Affordable Housing Stock Unmet Demand of 142,647 Units

**Growing Senior Population** 

213,478 Currently/260,000 Projected by 2020

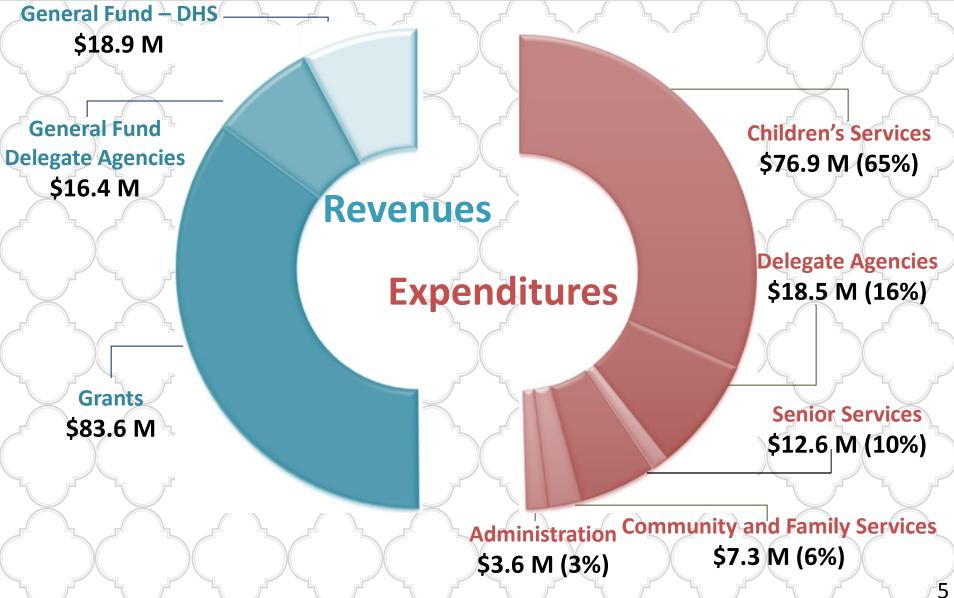
# SA 2020 - Strategic Focus





# FY 2015 Budget





### **Comprehensive Approach**



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### **Family Support**

Family Case Management Financial Counseling Work Supports Adult Learning

### **Education Success**



Early Education High Quality Care Youth Employment College Access

#### **Improved Education Success and Family Stability**

# **Family Support**





Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)

#### Family Assistance Centers

#### **Fair Housing**

### Service Model



Integrate social services with financial counseling to address immediate client goals and promote family financial sustainability

# **Family Support**



#### **Family Assistance**

- Emergency utility, rental and mortgage assistance to prevent homelessness
- Case management for long-term positive family outcomes:
  - Training for Job Success
  - Learn at San Antonio Public Library

**3,337** Families improved housing stability in 2014 **7,100** Received Utility Assistance in 2014

### **Housing Counseling**

- HUD certified counselors facilitate housing stability:
  - Mortgage default and foreclosure prevention counseling
  - Landlord and tenant dispute mediation
  - Fair Housing education

# **Financial Empowerment Centers**



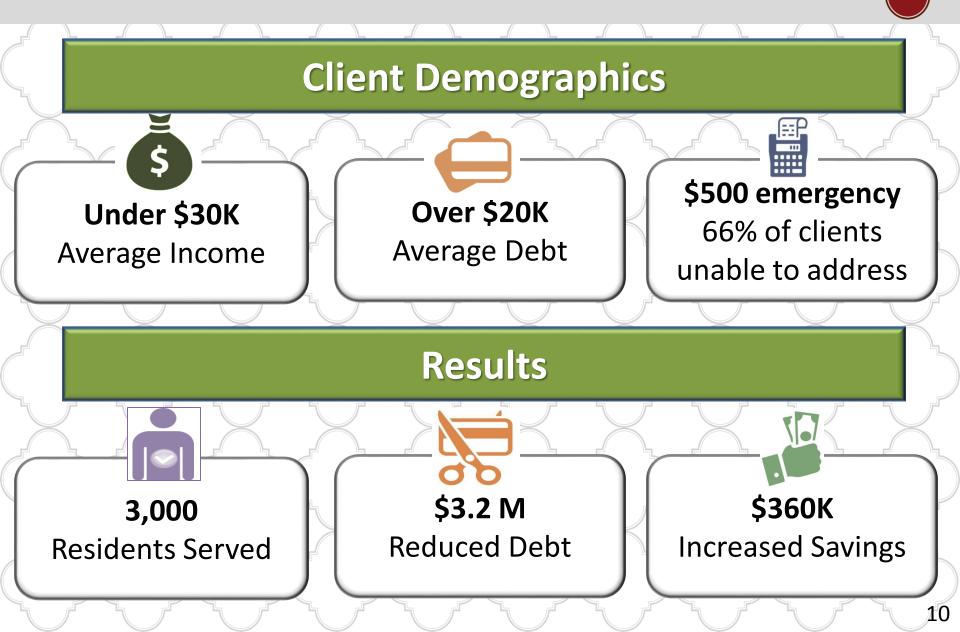


Free One-on-One Financial Counseling



- 1 of 5 cities selected to replicate New York Financial Empowerment Center model
  - 2 sites opened March 2013 through local government and non-profit partnerships
- Grant funded by Bloomberg
   Philanthropies and Cities for Financial
   Empowerment Fund
- One-on-one financial counseling with goal of assisting clients in:
  - Building Credit
  - Reducing Debt
  - Increasing Savings
  - Connecting to benefits

# **Financial Empowerment Centers**



### **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance**





 Estimated \$80 million in unclaimed federal EITC left on the table annually

- Free federal income tax preparation for residents with incomes at or below \$60,000 annually
- San Antonio coalition is one of the largest in the nation with 21 locations and 2 mobile clinics
- 2014 prepared 35,000 returns; refunds totaling \$58M; saving \$7.8M in tax preparation fees
- Sites also connect families to:
  - Matched savings program
  - IRS Sponsored Self Assistance Program
  - FAFSA Preparation
  - Library cards and voter registration

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### **Education Success**

### **12,080** Children Served



**6,918** Families employed, in

training, or in school

Head Start – Grantee for over 30 years

- Early education, health, family support services to 3,020 children in 26 schools
- Partner with two inner-city school districts to blend federal and State pre-k funding for full day services
- Child Care Services (CCS)
  - Manage childcare subsidy program for Bexar and 11 surrounding rural counties
  - 8,800 children are in care daily
- Early Head Start CCS Partnership
  - High quality care and education for 260
     0-3 year olds
  - \$2.7M will improve the quality of 5 inner city child care providers

# **Education Success**

#### After School Challenge

- \$2.7M to school districts
- Provides education, recreation, and meals to 11,000 students daily in school district facilities

#### Ambassador Program

- Internship program for currently enrolled college students in local, high demand occupations
- 120 interns placed each summer

#### cafécollege

- Free guidance, information and resources for students to prepare for, apply to, and enroll in higher education
- Over 30,000 students served annually and 3,000 assisted with FAFSA



# **Education Success**



#### Pre – K4 SA

- In 2011 Brainpower Taskforce recommended development of program
- Approved by voters and funded by City's remaining 1/8 percent sales tax capacity
- Four centers (opened in August 2013 and 2014) serve 1,500 4-year olds annually

#### Services include:

- Blends tax revenue and State pre-k funds to provide full-day pre-k and afterschool care
- Transportation and meals
- Family support and case management

 Provides citywide learning opportunities and training for childhood professionals



# **Safety Net**



#### Senior Services

- 8 Comprehensive Senior Centers offer noon meal, recreational activities and full complement of supportive services
- 56 part-time nutrition sites offer noon meal and limited activities

#### Homelessness

- Haven for Hope \$20 million capital investment;
   \$6.5 million annual operating investment
- Contractual support for shelter and rapid rehousing services
- Participation in local Continuum of Care
- Mayor's Challenge to End Veteran Homelessness by 2015 and Chronic Homelessness by 2016



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