

## AGENDA



Thursday, August 30, 2007

**Library  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 17**

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**Subject:** Approve an ordinance authorizing the acceptance of \$66,708 in grant funds from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission for a total grant amount of \$176,708 for the Loan Star Libraries Grant Program; and amend the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Operating Budget Library Department Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 20060911-001 to appropriate \$66,708 and to add a 1.00 full time equivalent position, resulting in a total of 2.00 full time equivalent positions for the Loan Star Libraries Grant Program.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding is available in the amount of \$66,708 from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. The grant period is September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2008.

**Fiscal Note:** A fiscal note is attached.

**For More Information:** Dana McBee, Financial Manager / 974-7433

**Prior Council Action:** Council approved the grant as part of the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Operating Budget for \$110,000 and 1.00 FTE on September 11, 2006.

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?The Loan Star Libraries Grant Program provides funding for a full-time webmaster to develop and maintain an interactive Youth Services website, the Austin Public Library website, the Austin Public Library's internal Intranet site, and the Library's on-line Web Catalog FindIt . The funding helps advertise our youth web page, youth programs, and our other websites and programming. Additional literacy programs and support for the Summer Reading program are also provided.

This action will allow for an increase of a 1.00 FTE Public Information Specialist position to assist with organizing, planning, directing, and coordinating the disbursement of news and information to the general public and the media regarding the Austin Public Library's programs and services. Additionally, the position will be responsible for translating public information from English to Spanish in order to reach a rapidly growing customer base.