

AGENDA



Thursday, August 21, 2008

**Library
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 14**

Subject: Approve an ordinance authorizing the acceptance of \$100,000 in additional grant funds from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission for a total grant amount of \$300,000 for the Loan Star Libraries grant program; and amending the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Library Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 20070910-003 to appropriate \$100,000.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. The grant period is September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2009.

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 2007-2008 Operating Budget for \$110,000 and 2.00 FTEs on September 10, 2007. Council approved a grant amendment to accept an additional \$90,000 in grant funds on January 17, 2008 for a total grant amount of \$200,000 and 2.00 FTEs.

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 (Library) website, the Library's internal Intranet site, and the Library's on-line Web Catalog FindIt. The grant program also funds a full-time Public Information Specialist to assist with organizing, planning, directing, and coordinating the disbursement of news and information to the general public and the media regarding the Library's programs and services. Funding also helps advertise the youth web page, youth programs, and other websites and programming. The Library also uses the funds for additional literacy programs and for support for the Summer Reading Program.

Beginning September 1, 2008, the Library will be reclassified from a Level 2 to a Level 1 participant in the Loan Star Libraries grant program and is eligible for increased funding.

All department grant application requests are reviewed by the Budget office prior to submission to ensure that the grant minimizes the financial impact to the City.