

AGENDA



Thursday, January 13, 2011

**Library
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 11**

Subject: Approve an ordinance accepting \$63,152 in grant funds authorized through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission, Austin, TX; and amending the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Library Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 20100913-002, to appropriate \$63,152 to establish a computer training and job search center at the George Washington Carver Branch Library.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission and authorized through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The grant period is November 1, 2010 through September 15, 2013. A City in-kind match of \$34,719.62 is required.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

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Prior Council Action: September 13, 2009 - Council approved Ordinance No. 20100913-002

The Austin Public Library has been named as a sub-grantee in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA)-Broadband Technology Opportunities Program Public Computing Center grant under the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. Funding for this project is provided to the State of Texas, Texas State Library and Archives Commission by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration as part of the ARRA BTOP PCC federal stimulus funding.

This grant funding will provide 12 laptop computers and training equipment to the Austin Public Library in order to establish a computer training and job search center at the George Washington Carver Branch Library. The library will offer a range of computer training classes to the public using existing library staff as trainers. The overarching goal is to become a part of the solution in helping the public with job skill development that will lead to their employment. Learning to use computers to search and apply for employment is one of these skills. In addition to training classes offered by library staff, community volunteers will be recruited to open the center at scheduled times for job searching and resume preparation.

The required City match of \$34,719.62 is satisfied through existing General Fund library staff positions in the Branch Services and Central Library Services Divisions. The General Fund will not be required to contribute to this grant.