

## A G E N D A



## Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	7464	Agenda Number	29.
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Meeting Date:	7/28/2011	Department:	Library
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## Subject

Approve an ordinance accepting \$4,000 in grant funds from the National Endowment for the Humanities and amending the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Library Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20100913-002) to appropriate \$4,000 for the People & Stories/Gente y Cuentos Grant Program.

## Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available from the National Endowment for the Humanities. The grant period is June 10, 2011 through September 30, 2013.

## Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	September 13, 2010 - Council approved the Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2010-2011; Ordinance No. 20100913-002
For More Information:	Susan Soy, Library Development Administrator, 974-7388; Victoria Rieger, Financial Manager, 974-7446
Boards and Commission Action:	
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Related Items:	

## Additional Backup Information

This \$4,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities is intended to fund the People and Stories/Gente y Cuentos Story Talk Project. The People and Stories Project will create a reading and discussion program for young adults in twenty libraries in ten states. People and Stories uses a methodology which helps participants to hear, read, and critically discuss short stories in a way that helps them understand the value of their life experience as well as the value of literature. The methodology seeks to encourage the young participants to use the experience to recognize new ways of seeing their lives.

The Austin Public Library will participate in a nationwide program to bring book discussions to youth in various settings. The Library will provide space for People and Stories to hold four series of a short story program. The Second Chance Books program operated by the Austin Public Library at the Gardner Betts Juvenile Justice Center will provide the programming necessary to fulfill the terms of the grant.

