Thursday, January 14, 2010

## Library RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 20

**Subject:** Approve an ordinance accepting \$3,000 in grant funds from Humanities Texas and amending the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Library Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 20090914-002 to appropriate \$3,000 for the Mexican American Firsts: Trailblazers of Austin and Travis County grant program.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding is available from Humanities Texas. The grant period is from January 1, 2010 through May 30, 2011.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

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This grant from Humanities Texas will assist the Austin Public Library, Austin History Center, in creating an exhibit to circulate free of charge to schools, recreation centers, museums, and other locations to call attention to the accomplishments of Mexican Americans from around Travis County who have been trailblazers in their field. The traveling exhibit will be called: Mexican American Firsts: Trailblazers of Austin and Travis County. The range of activities to be recognized will include education, politics, business, social/public services, health/medical, communication, entertainment, science and technology, and sports.

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.