



Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-3490, **Agenda Item #:** 36.

12/2/2021

Posting Language

Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Austin Public Library Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20210811-001) to accept and appropriate \$250,000 in grant funds from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission's federal funder, Institute of Museum and Library Services, from the American Rescue Plan Act, for costs associated with Texas Digital Navigators, a program to develop and implement a unique Digital Navigator program to help close the digital divide in the community.

Lead Department

Austin Public Library

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$250,000 is available from the grant program of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission's emergency pandemic funding through American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). A City funding match is not required. A fiscal note is attached.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

The Texas State Library and Archives Commission's grant funds of \$250,000 will allow the Austin Public Library to hire five (5) temporary positions to provide individualized training for Austin/Travis County residents for digital navigation to access health, education and workforce development resources and services. These are temporary grant funded positions that will not be permanent employees and are not funded with any City funds. Participating community members will develop and improve their digital skills to access the library's resources to enhance their quality of life.

This is a one-time only project.

The General Fund will not be required to contribute to this grant.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Culture and Lifelong Learning; Government that Works for All.