



## Recommendation for Action

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**File #: 22-1588, Agenda Item #: 37.**

**4/7/2022**

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### **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 \$80,000 in grant funds from the Federal Communications Commission Emergency Connectivity Fund through the American Rescue Plan Act for costs associated with Austin Public Library's Bridge to Connectivity program to obtain equipment needed for equitable digital access to services.

### **Lead Department**

Austin Public Library.

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$80,000 is available from the grant program of the Federal Communications Commission emergency pandemic funding through the American Rescue Plan Act. A City funding match is not required. A fiscal note is attached.

### **For More Information:**

Roosevelt Weeks, Director of Libraries, (512) 974-7444.

### **Additional Backup Information:**

The Federal Communications Commission Emergency Connectivity Fund through the American Rescue Plan Act of \$80,000 will allow the Austin Public Library to provide access to internet-enabled laptops when and where eligible customers want to use them instead of only at a designated location, like the library.

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.