



Recommendation for Action

File #: 22-1993, **Agenda Item #:** 41.

6/9/2022

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 \$52,500 from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission's federal funder, Institute of Museum and Library Services, for costs associated with attending the Joint Conference of Librarians of Color, including registration, travel, lodging and meals.

Lead Department

Austin Public Library.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$52,500 is available from the grant program of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. A City funding match is not required. A fiscal note is attached.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

Texas State Library and Archives Commission will fund up to 15 scholarships of up to \$3,500 each for paid library staff of accredited libraries in the total amount of \$52,500 to attend the Joint Conference of Librarians of Color (JCLC) in St. Pete Beach, Florida scheduled for October 5-9, 2022. The scholarship will fund JCLC conference registration, travel within the United States, lodging, and meals. Attendance by staff or librarians of color will meet Austin Public Library's goal of providing and promoting diversified, equitable, and inclusive services and opportunities to our Library staff.

This one-time, federally funded award of up to \$3,500 covers expenses directly related to the conference and associated travel to and from the conference. Approximately \$52,500 is expected to be available for the JCLC 2022 Scholarships. Funding is provided by the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) as a subaward of IMLS' Grants to States Program under the Library Services and Technology Act.

JCLC is a conference for everyone and brings together a diverse group of librarians, library staff, library supporters, and community participants to explore diversity issues in libraries and how they affect the ethnic communities that use our services. The conference is offered every four years and is sponsored by American Library Association's five associations of ethnic librarians.

The General Fund will not be required to contribute additional funds beyond those currently budgeted to this grant. When the grant funds expire, Austin Public Library Department's need for continuing funding will be evaluated and may be denied.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Culture and Lifelong Learning; Government that Works for All.