



**Grant
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

**AGENDA ITEM NO.: 12
AGENDA DATE: Thu 08/04/2005
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SUBJECT: Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$1,500 in grant funds from the American Library Association Jewish Literature grant and amending Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 040913-01 to appropriate \$1,500 to the Austin Public Library's Jewish literature project entitled "Let's Talk About It: Jewish Literature."

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding in the amount of \$1,500 is available from the American Library Association. The grant period is August 1, 2005 through August 1, 2006. No city match is required.

FISCAL NOTE: A fiscal note is attached.

**REQUESTING Library
DEPARTMENT:**

**DIRECTOR'S
AUTHORIZATION: Brenda Branch**

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Anita Fudell, Managing Librarian / 472-3591; Dana McBee, Financial Manager / 974-7433

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: N/A

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

PURCHASING: N/A

MBE / WBE: N/A

Let's Talk About It: Jewish Literature is a grant program supported by the American Library Association Public Programs Office. The Old Quarry Branch Library will hold five community book discussion groups centered on the selected theme of Your Heart's Desire, led by Dr. Helene Meyers, a local Jewish scholar. This theme was chosen because Dr. Meyers has done scholarly research on some of the authors and is familiar with the titles of books included for this theme. Each discussion will be about a different book but will follow the same format. Discussions will be held once a month between January and May 2006. Dr. Meyers will engage participants by asking provocative questions utilizing the curriculum provided by the American Library Association and her own knowledge. The Austin Public Library will appoint a Project Director who will attend a mandatory training session in order to implement and facilitate the program. Discussions will be publicized citywide.

The grant will fund the purchase of books for the discussion groups, publicity for the program, an honorarium for Dr. Helene Meyers, and travel expenses for the Austin Public Library Project Director to attend the mandatory training session in November 2005. Goals of the program are to expand the literary horizons of participants who may have an interest in, but not much knowledge about, Jewish literature, to enhance the Old Quarry Branch Library's collection of quality Jewish writers, and to increase adult participation in cultural library programs. The Library intends to collaborate with the Jewish Community Association of Austin (JCAA), the Austin Chapter of Hadassah, and the Austin Jewish Academy. The Old Quarry Branch Library's service area includes the largest percentage of Jewish residents in Austin.

**OPERATING BUDGET
Fiscal Note**

DATE OF COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:
WHERE ON AGENDA:
DEPARTMENT:

8/4/2005
Ordinance
Library

SUBJECT: Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of grant funds in the amount of \$1,500 from the American Library Association and amending the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Library Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 040913-01 to appropriate \$1,500 the Austin Public Library's Jewish literature project entitled "Let's Talk About It: Jewish Literature."

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

	Approved Budget 2004-2005	Impact of this Action	Amended Budget 2004-2005
Special Revenue Fund			
American Library Association Jewish Literature			
08/01/2005 - 08/01/2008	\$0	\$1,500	\$1,500
TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$1,500</u>	<u>\$1,500</u>
FTEs			

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding in the amount of \$1,500 is available from the American Library Association.

Budget Office:

M. Ann Fry

Date

7-14-05

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS AND AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2004-2005 LIBRARY DEPARTMENT OPERATING BUDGET OF ORDINANCE NO. 040913-01 TO APPROPRIATE GRANT FUNDS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

PART 1. The Council authorizes the acceptance of \$1,500 in grant funds from the American Library Association Jewish Literature grant program.

PART 2. The Council amends the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Library Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 040913-01 to appropriate \$1,500 to the Austin Public Library's Jewish literature project entitled: Let's Talk About It: Jewish Literature."

PART 3. This ordinance takes effect on _____, 2005.

PASSED AND APPROVED

_____, 2005 §
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 § _____
 Will Wynn
 Mayor

APPROVED: _____
 David Allan Smith
 City Attorney

ATTEST: _____
 Shirley A. Brown
 City Clerk