



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

**AGENDA ITEM NO.:** 8  
**AGENDA DATE:** Thu 10/27/2005  
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**SUBJECT:** Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$44,443 in grant funds from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission, Texas Responds grant; amending Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Library Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 20050912-001 to appropriate \$44,443 to the Austin Public Library's Texas Responds project.

**AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING:** Funding in the amount of \$44,443 is available from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. The grant period is October 1, 2005 through February 28, 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:** Jeanette Larson, Youth Services Manager / 974-7405;  
Dana McBee, Financial Manager / 974-7433

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:** N/A

**BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION:** N/A

**PURCHASING:** N/A

**MBE / WBE:** N/A

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The Texas State Library and Archives Commission administers the Texas Responds grant program. Authority for the program comes from Governor Rick Perry's Proclamation of September 1, 2005, arising from Hurricane Katrina, proclaiming a disaster, and suspending "all rules and regulations that may inhibit or prevent prompt response to this threat." The grant will fund Texas library services and programs to support victims of Hurricane Katrina who were evacuated to Texas. Grant expenses must be designed to respond directly to the disaster.

The Austin Public Library was part of the initial response to provide services to help those affected by providing library materials and homework help at the primary shelter. With these grant funds, the Austin Public Library will take a multi-faceted approach to deal with the many informational and learning needs of these evacuees. The Library will add short-term subscriptions to newspapers and magazines, such as the New Orleans Times Picayune, Baton Rouge Advocate, Louisiana Weekly, New Orleans City Business and New Orleans Magazine. The Austin History Center will work to collect stories about the evacuees experience surviving the hurricane and how they are rebuilding their lives in Austin. They will produce a traveling exhibit featuring pictures and testimony of the evacuees for use at future programs and provide an Archives Clinic to allow the evacuees in the community to bring in materials and receive onsite consultation on repair, preservation, and housing of their important photographs, personal documents, and memorabilia. As children begin getting back into their academics, the Austin Public Library will provide additional access to required reading materials, homework help, and research materials by purchasing classic literature and other titles from AISD's required reading list, homework support materials such as



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dictionaries, and books for children and families by African-American authors and on topics of interest to the evacuees. The Youth Services division will provide story times and after-school and other programming focusing on culturally appropriate themes that support the cultural mores and community values of the evacuees. These programs will culminate with a system-wide Mardi Gras celebration in February. The celebration will include family events and a storytelling festival. The Austin Public Library plans to partner with KLRU, the Austin Independent School District, Reading is Fundamental, the Austin Children's Museum, and Family Connections to promote and produce these events.

**OPERATING BUDGET  
Fiscal Note**

**DATE OF COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:**  
**WHERE ON AGENDA:**  
**DEPARTMENT:**

10/27/2005  
Ordinance  
Library

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**FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

	Approved Budget 2005-2006	Impact of this Action	Amended Budget 2005-2006
Special Revenue Fund			
Texas Responds 10/1/2005-2/28/2006	\$0	\$44,443	\$44,443
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$44,443</u>	<u>\$44,443</u>
<b>FTES</b>	-	-	-

Budget Office: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS  
AND AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2005-2006 LIBRARY DEPARTMENT  
OPERATING BUDGET OF ORDINANCE NO. 20050912-001 TO APPROPRIATE  
GRANT FUNDS.**

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

**PART 1.** The Council authorizes the acceptance of \$44,443 in grant funds from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission.

**PART 2.** The Council amends the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Library Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 20050912-001 to appropriate \$44,443 for the Austin Public Library's Texas Responds project.

**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