



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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DEPARTMENT: Library

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Ramiro S. Salazar, Library Director

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Interlibrary Loan Reimbursement

SUMMARY:

This ordinance authorizes the submission of a grant application and the acceptance of funds upon award in an amount up to \$80,000 for reimbursement of costs for Interlibrary Loan services from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission for the period of September 1, 2015 - August 31, 2016.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

San Antonio Public Library (SAPL), in a partnership with the Texas State Library and Archives Commission, has provided resource sharing with multi-type libraries in the Interlibrary Loan Program since 1972. By participating in the statewide Interlibrary Loan Program, SAPL will retain its accreditation status which allows the Library to apply for specific grants such as e-rate. The Interlibrary Loan Program allows SAPL customers to borrow items tailored to specific interests from a network of library systems and other library customers in that network to borrow items from SAPL.

In FY2015, SAPL customers borrowed over 10,000 items from partner libraries across the county and SAPL loaned over 12,000 items to partner library customers. It is anticipated that the Texas State Library and Archives Commission will reimburse at a rate of \$5.79 per item loaned by SAPL. This reimbursement will allow allowable program costs to be recovered.

ISSUE:

This action is consistent with City Council guidance to accept appropriate State/Federal grant funds to enhance services for area residents. Benefits to Bexar County residents are access to additional library materials that are not owned by SAPL at minimal cost. Library customers have access to a variety of materials through partner libraries that support a variety of activities such as scholarly research; business and economic support; leisure pursuits; and education. In this way, highly specialized materials valuable to individual customer needs can be borrowed in an efficient and cost- effective manner.

ALTERNATIVES:

No other grant funding is available to support reimbursement of this service.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The grant award for the Interlibrary Loan Reimbursement is for an amount up to \$80,000 from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. There is impact to the City's General Fund.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval to accept the reimbursement in an amount up to \$80,000.