



# 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 for reimbursement of a portion of costs for Interlibrary Loan services offered by the San Antonio Public Library System. The grant amount is contingent on both the number of items loaned to other library systems by the San Antonio Public Library and the reimbursement rate set by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC). TSLAC will reimburse the City an estimated \$6.94 per item loaned under this program. Due to the extended COVID-19 related closure of libraries throughout the state, only an estimated 3,000 items will be loaned for the one-year grant period resulting in a grant reimbursement of approximately \$20,820. This ordinance authorizes the acceptance of all reimbursement funds from TSLAC in connection with this grant program. The grant period is August 1, 2020 through July 31, 2021.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The San Antonio Public Library (SAPL) has provided SAPL materials to public, school and academic libraries since 1972 as part of the Interlibrary Loan Program. Under the program, San Antonio Public Library customers can borrow materials from participating libraries across the Nation. Also, participating in the statewide Interlibrary Loan Program is a requirement for State accreditation status which allows the San Antonio Public Library to apply for specific grants such as e-rate.

In FY 2020, San Antonio Public Library customers borrowed over 6,000 items from partner libraries across the

country and SAPL loaned more than 7,000 items to partner library customers. The reimbursement amount in FY 2020 was \$55,506.

**ISSUE:**

This action is consistent with City Council guidance to accept appropriate State/Federal grant funds to defray the cost of services for area residents. Benefits to Bexar County residents are access to additional library materials that are not owned by San Antonio Public Library. 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. Library will coordinate with Finance to ensure proper accounting of all reimbursements under this grant.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

No other grant funding is available to support reimbursement of a portion of the cost of this service. If reimbursement funds are not to be accepted, the City of San Antonio's General Fund will assume the full costs associated with the Interlibrary Loan program rather than recovering a portion of the program cost.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no negative impact to the City's General Fund. Estimated cost for the Interlibrary Loan program is \$140,000 of which approximately an estimated \$20,820 would be reimbursed by TSLAC under this grant program.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval to accept the reimbursement for the Interlibrary Loan program.