

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	32336	Agenda Number	14.
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Meeting Date:	5/15/2014	Department:	Parks and Recreation
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Subject

Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Parks and Recreation Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20130909-001) to accept and appropriate \$2,500 in grant funds from the Baylor University Institute for Oral History for the Community Oral History grant program.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available from the Baylor University Institute for Oral History. The grant period is February 1, 2014 through January 31, 2015. A City match is not required.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	
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Boards and Commission Action:	
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Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

The Susanna Dickinson and Joseph Hannig Museum is both a tribute to the Battle of the Alamo as well as a tribute to the early growth, development and history of Austin. The stories that should also be told are the experiences of the Mexicans and the African Americans in Central Texas. This project is an effort to gather oral histories of people of Austin who are not usually given the opportunities to tell their stories.

The purpose of this request is to support Oral History Project: Conversations to Create Unity. This project has received the support of Baylor University. The University will provide the training and audio equipment plus will provide transcripts and audio recordings to be archived at the Susanna Dickinson and Joseph Hannig Museum. In addition, a video of the project will be created and shown at the Museum.

Our goal is to begin conversations that will share our history and embrace our differences. Susanna Dickinson opened her home and shared her stories. This is an endeavor that will continue that tradition of welcoming all to hear the history of Austin through the eyes of all of its citizens.