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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council - Commissioner's Court Meeting	Item ID	34097	Agenda Number	39.
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Meeting Date:	8/7/2014	Department:	Library
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Subject

Approve an ordinance accepting \$5,000 in grant funds from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission and amending Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Library Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20130909-001) to appropriate \$5,000 to purchase adaptive equipment for people with disabilities.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. The grant period is September 1, 2013 through August 31, 2014.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	
For More Information:	Susan Soy, Library Development Administrator, 974-7388; Victoria Rieger, Financial Manager, 974-7446
Boards and Commission Action:	
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Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

The \$5,000 grant funding will help the Austin Public Library meet public access technology needs identified in the Edge Assessment conducted by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. The Edge Initiative is funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and utilizes the Edge Assessment in evaluating current services and identifying opportunities for improvement. The Edge Assessment identified ways to strengthen and enhance the Library's public access technology and technology training.

The Austin Public Library is developing an action plan to address areas of improvement, engage staff, and further open dialogue with the community regarding technology needs.

The Austin Public Library will use these funds to improve our adaptive equipment by purchasing larger monitors for easy viewing, large track balls for individuals with dexterity problems, large type keyboards, and text to speech software and hardware for the vision impaired.

The General Fund will not be required to contribute to this grant. All department grant application requests are reviewed by the Budget Office prior to submission to ensure that the grant minimizes the financial impact to the City.