

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council - Commissioners Court Meeting	Item ID	36153	Agenda Number	38.
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Meeting Date:	8/28/2014	Department:	Library
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Subject

Approve an ordinance accepting \$12,000 in grant funds from the Texas State Library and Archive Commission and amending Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Library Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20130909-001) to appropriate \$12,000 to continue a collaborative project with Austin Independent School District intended to keep children reading during the summer months.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. The grant period is September 1, 2014 through August 31, 2015.

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:	
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

The Connect 4 Literacy – And More grant continues a collaborative project started in Fiscal Year 2013 pairing two Austin Independent School District Elementary Schools (Graham and Blackshear) with two Austin Public Library branches (Carver and Little Walnut Creek). Connect 4 Literacy - And More adds one additional branch (Twin Oaks) and two elementary schools (Becker and Dawson) to the pairings. The purpose of the grant is to keep children reading over the summer months by strengthening the relationship between the schools, libraries, parents, and children during the school year. The programming and materials provided in this grant help children increase their literacy skills and continue with their families to use the branch libraries over the summer months.

The Austin Public Library will use the grant funds to continue the collaboration between the Public Library and the School District to help bridge the gap between the schools and public libraries. The goal is to instill the precept that reading is not something that only happens for students at school during the school day. Instead reading should become a habit and a life-long love, one that the library – and the entire community – has a stake in and should nurture.

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.