

## **Recommendation for Council Action**

Austin City Council Item ID 62559 Agenda Number 19.

Meeting Date: 9/22/2016 Department: Library

## <u>Subject</u>

Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$9,500 in grant funds from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission; and amending the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Austin Public Library Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20150908-001) to appropriate these funds for the Interlibrary Loan Lending Reimbursement Program.

## Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$9,500 is available from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. The grant period is September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2017.

Fiscal Note	
A fiscal note is attached.	
Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	On September 10, 2015, Council approved Ordinance No. 20150908-001 adopting the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Operating Budget.
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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:	
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

## Additional Backup Information

The Texas State Library and Archives Commission supports a statewide interlibrary loan program in order to assure Texans will have access to shared library resources to meet learning and informational needs. The Austin Public Library participates in this program by allowing its card holders to request books that are not available in their collection from other participating libraries in the state, as well as lending its books to customers of other participating library systems that may not have a particular book in their collection.

The goal of the Interlibrary Loan Lending Reimbursement Program is to support and encourage libraries in this statewide resource sharing effort by providing partial reimbursement for direct, out-of-pocket costs, such as postage and shipping materials costs, associated with participation in the program. The grant award is based on the number of interlibrary loans the Austin Public Library processed in Fiscal Year 2015-2016 and an amount per loan provided by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. Based on this formula, the award amount is estimated at approximately \$9,500 for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 and will help to offset the direct costs expended in Fiscal Year 2015-2016 for providing these lending services statewide.

The General Fund will not be required to contribute additional funds beyond those currently budgeted to this grant. When the grant funds expire, the Austin Public Library Department's need for continuing funding will be evaluated and may be denied.