



Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-3589, **Agenda Item #:** 37.

12/2/2021

Posting Language

Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Austin Public Library Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20210811-001) to accept and appropriate \$150,072 in grant funds from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission's federal funder, Institute of Museum and Library Services, from the American Rescue Plan Act, for costs associated with Texas Supports Libraries: Understanding for All/Comprensión Por Todo, a program to support libraries that help communities respond directly to the pandemic through an equitable approach of bridging the language barriers in accessing library services and information.

Lead Department

Austin Public Library

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$150,072 is available from the grant program of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission's emergency pandemic funding through American Rescue Plan (ARPA). A City funding match is not required. A fiscal note is attached.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

The Texas State Library and Archives Commission's grant funds of \$150,072 will allow the Austin Public Library to hire three (3) temporary certified professionally trained translators/interpreters, who are bilingual in Spanish and English, to provide to Limited English Proficient community members culturally and linguistically appropriate assistance. These are temporary grant funded positions that will not be permanent employees and are not funded with any City funds.

As a trusted information and resource hub, the Austin Public Library will remove barriers to information to facilitate access to its services and programs that are essential to the community members' employment, health, and educational status.

This is a one-time only project.

The General Fund will not be required to contribute to this grant.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Culture and Lifelong Learning; Government that Works for All