



## Recommendation for Action

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### **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 \$50,000 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 Telehealth: Health for All, to obtain equipment and resources needed to facilitate a telehealth project at the library.

### **Lead Department**

Austin Public Library

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$50,000 is available from the grant program of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission's emergency pandemic funding through the American Rescue Plan Act (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 \$50,000 will allow the Austin Public Library to connect those who want to consult with their medical provider in a private and safe location within a trusted entity, the Austin Public Library. Telehealth kiosks will allow community members to access health services via technology and supports the library's digital inclusion initiative. The telehealth project will ensure that the most vulnerable people have options for health services accessibility during this critical time in dealing with COVID-19, as well as meeting other health access needs of our community.

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