

**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
LIBRARY DEPARTMENT
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Ramiro S. Salazar, Library Director

SUBJECT: ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS STATE LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES COMMISSION FOR PROVISION OF THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE NEGOTIATED GRANT FOR STATE FY2006

DATE: July 7, 2005

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to make application for State/Federal assistance provided through the Texas State Library and Archives Commission in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00. If approved, these funds, known as the Technical Assistance Negotiated Grant, will be available to the Alamo Area Library System which serves 45 public libraries in a 21-county area including Bexar County. These funds will be used for contractual and related travel expenses for a technical vendor to provide hardware, software, network and security support to computer systems of public libraries located within the Alamo Area Library System.

Staff recommends approval of this Ordinance.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Since 1998, the Texas State Library and Archives Commission has awarded the Technical Assistance Negotiated Grant to the Alamo Area Library System, of which San Antonio Public Library is a member. San Antonio Public Library serves as the Major Resource Center for the Alamo Area Library System. Funds have been awarded to provide technical assistance to support member libraries in the utilization, maintenance and security of computer resources. These funds will be used to fund a computer vendor for technical consulting and maintenance of hardware, software, networks and security needs for the member libraries. The Alamo Area Library System is a department of San Antonio Public Library and is supported by grant funds from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. Prior grants received from the Technical Assistance Negotiated Grant program from FY2000 through FY2005 have ranged from \$63,086.00 to \$80,000.00. Funding for FY2006 will be lower than the FY2005 level.

This grant is for state fiscal year 2006, beginning September 1, 2005 and ending August 31, 2006.

POLICY ANALYSIS

This action is consistent with City Council direction to apply for appropriate State/Federal Grant Funds to enhance services for area residents. Benefits to Bexar County residents have a value of \$5,000.00. City Council has accepted the Technical Assistance Negotiated Grant since its implementation in FY1998.

FISCAL IMPACT

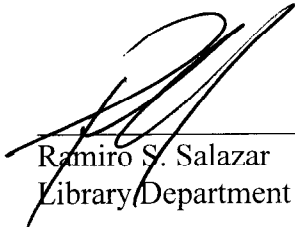
Application is being made for an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00. The grant provides contractual and related travel expenses for a vendor to provide technical support and maintenance to the libraries within the Alamo Area Library System. Indirect costs are not applicable. There is no reduction in staff.

COORDINATION

This item has been coordinated with the Finance Department, Office of Management and Budget, Information Technology Services Department and Human Resources. Staff of these Departments concurs with this recommendation.

SUPPLEMENTARY COMMENTS

The Alamo Area Library System's Advisory Council and representing member libraries support acceptance of this grant. This action requires no disclosure under the City's Ethics Ordinance. The Discretionary Contracts Disclosure Form is not required.



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TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE NEGOTIATED GRANT
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BUDGETApplicant: Alamo Area Library System

Budget Categories	Amount
Personnel	\$
Fringe Benefits	\$
Travel	\$
Equipment/Property	\$
Supplies	\$
Contractual	\$ 50,000.00
Other (Detail in Narrative and in Budget Justification)	\$
Total Direct Charges	\$
Indirect Charges	\$
Rate: _____	
Base: _____	
TOTALS	\$ 50,000.00

Note: Amounts should be rounded to the nearest dollar before totaling.

Applicant's Capitalization Level: \$ 1,500.00