

Agenda item # 67

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

TO: Sheryl Sculley, City Manager

FROM: Ramiro S. Salazar, Library Director

SUBJECT: An Ordinance authorizing the Library Systems Operation grant application to the Texas State Library and Archives Commission

DATE: June 29, 2006

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for a grant, in an amount not to exceed \$720,000.00, from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission; to authorize the execution of related contracts; to accept any grant funds; to appropriate those funds; and to authorize the personnel complement of the grant. These funds will be used for the purpose of public library development in the Alamo Area Library System. The System assists 45 public libraries in 21 counties. State/Federal funds will be received for the purpose of supporting grant administration, consulting, networked resources, continuing education, collection development programs and the purchase of library materials. San Antonio Public Library serves as the Major Resource Center and has received annual grants under this program since 1972.

Staff recommends approval of this Ordinance.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Since 1972, the Texas State Library and Archives Commission has awarded annual grants 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 which includes 45 libraries in a 21-county area. Bexar County area library patrons benefit from services valued at approximately \$200,000.00 which includes databases, online tutoring and continuing education. Prior grants received from the Library Systems Operations program from FY2000 through FY2006 have ranged from \$775,538.00 to \$716,349.00.

This grant is for state fiscal year 2007, beginning September 1, 2006 and ending August 31, 2007.

POLICY ANALYSIS

This action is consistent with City Council direction to accept appropriate State/Federal Grant Funds to enhance services for area residents. Benefits to Bexar County residents have a value of \$200,000.00. City Council has accepted Texas State Library and Archives Commission grants since 1972.

FISCAL IMPACT

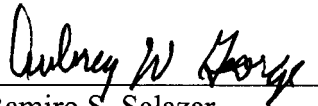
This grant is for state fiscal year 2007 and is in an amount not to exceed \$720,000.00. The grant provides one hundred percent of personnel, fringe benefits and operating costs associated with the grant. Indirect costs have been provided for and will be paid to the City for administration of the grant as per the City's Indirect Cost Plan. Staffing remains at the current level of five (5) full-time employees.

COORDINATION

This item has been coordinated with Finance, Office of Management and Budget, Information Technology Services and Human Resources.

SUPPLEMENTARY COMMENTS

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

for 
Ramiro S. Salazar
Library Department


Frances A. Gonzalez
Assistant City Manager

Approved for Council Consideration:


Sheryl Sculley
City Manager