

Agenda item # 608

**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 Technical Assistance Negotiated 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 \$80,000.00, from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission; to authorize the execution of related contracts; to accept any grant funds; and to appropriate those funds. 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 FY2006 have ranged from \$63,086.00 to \$40,000.00. Funding for FY2007 is greater than the FY2006 level.

This grant is for state fiscal year 2006, 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 \$5,000.00. City Council has accepted the Technical Assistance Negotiated Grant since its implementation in FY1998.

FISCAL IMPACT

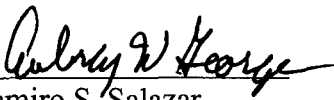
This grant is for state fiscal year 2007 and is in an amount not to exceed \$80,000. The grant provides contractual and related travel expenses for a vendor to provide technical support and maintenance to the libraries within the Alamo Area Library System. Indirect costs are not applicable. There is 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.


SUPPLEMENTARY COMMENTS

The Alamo Area Library System's Advisory Council, 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.

for 
Ramiro S. Salazar
Library Department


Frances A. Gonzalez
Assistant City Manager

Approved for Council Consideration:


Sheryl Sculley
City Manager