

THIS IS A PROPOSED DRAFT AND WILL BE REPLACED BY THE FINAL, SIGNED ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL.

ORDINANCE

ACCEPTING A TEXAS SUPPORTS LIBRARIES GRANT PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE TEXAS STATE LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES COMMISSION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$180,400 TO EXPAND THE SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC LIBRARY'S OLDER ADULT DEVICE LENDING PROGRAM.

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WHEREAS, The San Antonio Public Library (SAPL) was awarded \$180,4000 from the Texas Supports Libraries Grant Program administered by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission and will enable the San Antonio Public Library to expand its Older Adult Device Lending Program which began as a pilot program in 2021. Funding is provided by the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) under the American Rescue Plan Act; and

WHEREAS, In 2021, SAPL pursued and secured funding through the San Antonio Public Library Foundation, to launch an Older Adults Device Lending Program Pilot specifically tailored to address digital inclusion for older adults. After a successful launch of the pilot program, SAPL pursued funding to expand the number of devices for checkout and to fund phase two operation costs. This funding has been successfully secured via the Texas Supports Libraries Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, The Older Adults Device Lending Program lends an internet enabled tablet device with a data plan to adults aged 60 and older who are Bexar County residents. A program participant can check out the device for a six-month period during which the customer also has access to digital literacy classes, one-on-one support, as well as a curated set of apps on the device designed to access library and other important services; and

WHEREAS, SAPL partners with the City of San Antonio Department of Human Services to distribute the devices to Older Adults who use the City's Senior Centers. In this way, additional classes and resources can be offered to Older Adults participating in the program to improve their literacy skills and help them access all of the benefits of the internet and digital access. Local partners include OASIS and Senior Planet (OATS) who provide digital literacy classes and one-on-one technical support by telephone, respectively; and

WHEREAS, The devices under the pilot program were checkout through the Senior Centers with the highest level of need using the City's Equity Atlas which reflects, by census tract, information about the community including race, income, education, language and redlining. In this way, the program focuses on areas of the community with highest need for improvement in digital inclusion and equity. In the expansion of the pilot, using these grant funds, devices will be checkout through all comprehensive senior centers; and

WHEREAS, The grant award adds an additional 200 devices to the existing fleet of 130 devices

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in the program and funds phase two program costs; **NOW THEREFORE:**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. The City Manager or designee, or the Director of the San Antonio Public Library or designee, is hereby authorized to submit a grant application and accept grant funds in an amount of \$180,400.00 from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission for the Texas Supports Libraries Grant Program for the period starting December 1, 2021 to August 31, 2022.

SECTION 2. The City Manager or designee, or the Director of the San Antonio Public Library or designee, is further authorized to execute any and all necessary documents to effectuate said application and acceptance.

SECTION 3 Upon acceptance of this award, new funds and internal order numbers will be created, upon which the award amount of \$180,400.00 will be appropriated in said funds. A final budget, including Internal Orders and GL Accounts, will be submitted by the San Antonio Public Library upon award.

SECTION 3. The financial allocations in this Ordinance are subject to approval by the Director of Finance, City of San Antonio. The Director of Finance may, subject to concurrence by the City Manager or the City Manager's designee, correct allocations to specific SAP Fund Numbers, SAP Project Definitions, SAP WBS Elements, SAP Internal Orders, SAP Fund Centers, SAP Cost Centers, SAP Functional Areas, SAP Funds Reservation Document Numbers, and SAP GL Accounts as necessary to carry out the purpose of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. This ordinance is effective immediately upon the receipt of eight affirmative votes; otherwise, it is effective ten days after passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2021.

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Ron Nirenberg

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Debbie Racca-Sittre, Acting City Clerk

Andrew Segovia, City Attorney