



Legislation Text

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Harris County Commissioners Court

Request for Court Action

Proposed Meeting Date: October 12, 2021

Department:
County Library

Department Head/Elected Official: [Edward Melton], [Executive Director]

Type of Request:
Grant - Application

Project ID (if applicable): [Project ID]

Vendor/Entity Legal Name (if applicable): [Vendor/Entity Legal Name]

MWDBE Participation (if applicable): [% participation goal]

Request Summary (Agenda Caption):

Request by the County Library for approval to submit an application to the Texas State Library and Archives Commission for grant funds in the amount of \$300,000, with no required match, for the FY 2022 Texas Digital Navigators Program.

Background and Discussion:

The Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC) developed the Texas Digital Navigators grant program to fund libraries to develop and implement a unique Digital Navigator program. Digital Navigators are individuals who address the whole digital inclusion process, including home connectivity, devices, and digital skills with community members through repeated interactions (via classes, one-on-one instructions, instructional videos, etc.).

Expected Impact: We are requesting funding for four Digital Navigators, one for each Commissioner

Precinct. They would work with all library branches as well as community partners to identify and address the needs of their service areas.

Alternative Options:

Alignment with Goal(s):

- ☐ Justice and Safety
☒ Economic Opportunity
☐ Housing
☒ Public Health

- ☐ Transportation
☐ Flooding
☐ Environment

☒ Governance and Customer Service **Prior Court Action (if any): N/A**

Location:

Address (if applicable): **N/A**

[Address, Line 1]

[Address, Line 2]

- ☒ Countywide
☐ Precinct 1
☐ Precinct 2

☐ Precinct 3

<input type="checkbox"/> Precinct 4 Fiscal and Personnel Summary				
Service Name: [Enter Here]		FY 21-22	Estimates	
			FY 22-23	Next 3 FYs
Incremental Expenditures				
Labor Expenditures		0.0k	0.0k	0.0M
Non-Labor Expenditures		0.0k	0.0k	0.0M
Total Incremental Expenditures		\$0.0k	\$0.0k	\$0.0M
Funding Sources (General Fund, PIC Fund, Debt or CP, Grants, or Other - Please Specify)				
Existing Budget		0.0k	0.0k	0.0k
		0.0k	0.0k	0.0k
		0.0k	0.0k	0.0k
Total Current Budget		\$0.0k	\$0.0k	\$0.0k

Additional Budget Requested	Grant	150.0k	150.0k	0.0k
		0.0k	0.0k	0.0k
		0.0k	0.0k	0.0k
Total Additional Budget Requested		\$150.0k	\$150.0k	\$0.0k
Total Funding Sources		\$150.0k	\$150.0k	\$0.0k
Personnel (Fill out section only if requesting new PCNs)				
Current Position Count for Service		0	0	0
Additional Positions Requested		4	4	0
Total Personnel		4	4	0

Anticipated Implementation Date: [December 1, 2021]

Emergency/Disaster Recovery Note:

☒ Not an emergency, disaster recovery, or COVID-19 related item

☐ Emergency Item

☐ COVID-19 related Item

☐ Disaster Recovery related Item

Contact(s):

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Attachments:

[Digital Navigator grant application]