



City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 25-1290, **Agenda Item #:** 103.

7/24/2025

Posting Language

Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Austin Public Library Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20240814-007) to accept and appropriate \$75,000 in grant funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services through the Texas State Library and Archives Commission for the Special Projects grant for the expansion of Austin Public Library's Nature Smart Programming. Funding: \$75,000 is available from the Institute of Museum and Library Services through the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. A City funding match is not required.

Lead Department

Austin Public Library

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$75,000 is available from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) through the Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC). A City funding match is not required. A fiscal note is attached.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

Approval of this ordinance will authorize the addition of \$75,000 in grant funds for the expansion of Austin Public Library's Nature Smart Programming. The grant will commence in July 2025 and end in June 2026.

The Nature Smart Libraries Expansion Project will enhance Austin Public Library's capacity to deliver nature-based educational programming by embedding environmental literacy, nature play, and community engagement into its core services.

The General Fund will not be required to contribute additional funds beyond those currently budgeted to this grant.