

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

DATE: 9/15/2025	SUBJECT: Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance PUBLIC HEARING AND INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO AMEND THE CITY OF LAREDO FY25 GENERAL FUND LIBRARY DEPARTMENT BUDGET BY APPROPRIATING REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000.00 TO FUND THE TEXAS READS GRANT EIGHT-WEEK TOY PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP, AS AWARDED BY THE TEXAS STATE LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES COMMISSION (TSLAC). THE GRANT AWARD IS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000.00 WITH NO CASH MATCH REQUIRED FOR A TOTAL GRANT AMOUNT OF \$10,000.00. THE PERFORMANCE PERIOD IS SEPTEMBER 1, 2025 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2026.	
INITIATED BY: Joseph W. Neeb City Manager		STAFF SOURCE: Analiza Perez-Gomez. Interim Library Director
PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION: City Manager approved the grant application submission on March 6, 2025.		
BACKGROUND: The Texas State Library and Archives Commission's (TSLAC) Texas Reads Grant funds public library programs that promote reading and literacy within local communities.		
FINANCIAL IMPACT: Funding will be allocated in the General Fund.		
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:		STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Recommends the approval of this Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance.

ORDINANCE No. 179

PUBLIC HEARING AND INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO AMEND THE CITY OF LAREDO FY25 GENERAL FUND LIBRARY DEPARTMENT BUDGET BY APPROPRIATING REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000.00 TO FUND THE TEXAS READS GRANT EIGHT-WEEK TOY PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP, AS AWARDED BY THE TEXAS STATE LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES COMMISSION (TSLAC). THE GRANT AWARD IS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000.00 WITH NO CASH MATCH REQUIRED FOR A TOTAL GRANT AMOUNT OF \$10,000.00. THE PERFORMANCE PERIOD IS SEPTEMBER 1, 2025 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2026.

Whereas, under the provisions of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC) accredited public libraries, local public library systems, libraries that are members of the TexShare Library Consortium, or nonprofit organizations that are applying on behalf of accredited libraries and/or TexShare members, through their governing authority entities are eligible to receive grants from TSLAC to provide financial support to organizations for public library programs to promote reading and literacy within local communities; and

Whereas, this grant program will provide access to resources and promote services that support literacy and educational attainment; and

Whereas, the City of Laredo has designated Joseph W. Neeb, City Manager as the Authorized Official; Francisco J. Mata, Financial Services Director as the Financial Officer; and Ana P. Garcia as the Program Director; and

Whereas, the Assistant City Manager is designated as the Authorized Official to apply for, accept, decline, modify, or cancel the grant application for the Texas Reads Grant Program and all other necessary documents to accept said grant; and

Whereas, the City of Laredo has agreed that this event is contingent upon the availability of and receipt of funds and in the event of loss of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission funds, the City of Laredo will not pursue this program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAREDO THAT:

Section 1: Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to amend the City of Laredo FY25 General Fund Library Department budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$10,000.00 to fund the Texas Reads Grant eight-week toy photography workshop, as awarded by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC). The grant award is in the amount of \$10,000.00 with no cash match required for a total grant amount of \$10,000.00. The performance period is September 1, 2025 through August 31, 2026.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR ON THIS THE _____ DAY OF _____, 2025.

DR. VICTOR D. TREVIÑO
MAYOR

ATTEST:

MARIO I. MALDONADO, JR.
CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

JOAQUIN A. RODRIGUEZ
FIRST ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY