

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

DATE: 4/7/2026	SUBJECT: Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance PUBLIC HEARING AND INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO AMEND THE CITY OF LAREDO FY26 GENERAL FUND LIBRARY DEPARTMENT BUDGET BY APPROPRIATING REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,000.00 TO FUND THE FAMILY PLACE TRAINING AWARD GRANT, AS AWARDED BY THE TEXAS STATE LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES COMMISSION (TSLAC). THE GRANT AWARD IS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,000.00 WITH NO CASH MATCH REQUIRED FOR A TOTAL GRANT AMOUNT OF \$9,000.00. THE PERFORMANCE PERIOD IS APRIL 1, 2025 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2028.
INITIATED BY: Joseph W. Neeb City Manager	STAFF SOURCE: Danielle M. Burns Assistant Library Director
PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION: City Council authorized the City Manager to ratify the grant application submission on March 16, 2026. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance was first read at the April 7, 2026 Council meeting.	
BACKGROUND: The Texas State Library and Archives Commission's (TSLAC) Family Place Libraries Training Institute provides theoretical ground and practical training for library staff in family-centered library services. By expanding the traditional role of children's services, Family Place participants build on the knowledge that good health, early learning, parent or guardian involvement, and supportive communities play a critical role in young children's growth and development.	
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

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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 families and caregivers access to health education through early childhood education experts, presentations and resources; 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 Melinda Villa 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 Family Place Training Award 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 FY26 General Fund Library Department budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$9,000.00 to fund the Family Place Training Award Grant as awarded by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC). The grant award is in the amount of \$9,000.00 with no cash match required for a total grant amount of \$9,000.00. The performance period is April 1, 2025 through April 30, 2028.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR ON THIS THE _____ DAY OF _____, 2026.

DR. VICTOR D. TREVIÑO
MAYOR

ATTEST:

MARIO I. MALDONADO, JR.
CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

MARGARET RUBIO
FIRST ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY