

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

DATE: 07/20/2026	SUBJECT: Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance PUBLIC HEARING AND INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT THE TEXAS LIBRARY ASSOCIATION SUMMER AT THE LIBRARY GRANT, IN THE ESTIMATED TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$2,500.00 PER SIX (6) MONTH TERM, FROM MAY 2, 2026, THROUGH OCTOBER 30, 2026, WITH NO MATCH FOR THE CITY OF LAREDO PUBLIC LIBRARY DEPARTMENT; AND TO AMEND THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET BY APPROPRIATING REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,500.00; AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS RESULTING FROM THE AWARD OF THIS GRANT. ANY FUNDING AS A RESULT OF THIS APPLICATION WILL BE APPROPRIATED IN THE LAREDO PUBLIC LIBRARY DEPARTMENT – GENERAL FUND.	
INITIATED BY: Joseph W. Neeb City Manager		STAFF SOURCE: Danielle Burns Assistant Library Director
PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION: Resolution to submit the application to the grant was approved at the April 7, 2026 Council meeting.		
BACKGROUND: Through this award, the City of Laredo Public Libraries will be able to focus on extending educational opportunities that teach media and information literacy through the lens of Artificial Intelligence (AI). The initiative emphasizes the importance of thinking critically about AI in order to use it effectively, understanding where information comes from, who is reporting this information and key information literacy skills.		
FINANCIAL IMPACT:		
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: The Committee supports the acceptance of this grant.		STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Recommends the approval of this Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance.

ORDINANCE No. _____

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Whereas, the City of Laredo operates the Laredo Public Libraries to help meet the diverse informational, educational, and recreational needs of its residents; and

Whereas, the Texas Summer at the Library grant requires no match from the City of Laredo

Whereas, this grant allows the Laredo Public Libraries to offer cutting edge educational opportunities about current topics such as artificial intelligence throughout the summer break, keeping students as engaged and active learners;

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

SECTION 1: The City of Laredo Council hereby approves to accept the grants and authorizes the City Manager to amend the General Fund budget and appropriate revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$2,500.00; and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents resulting from the award of this grant.

SECTION 2: This ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage.

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:

JOAQUIN A. RODRIGUEZ
FIRST ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY