

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

DATE: 8/3/2026	SUBJECT: Final Hearing and Introductory Ordinance AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT THE AMERICAN CONVERSATION PROJECT GRANT, IN THE ESTIMATED TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$500.00 PER SIX (6) MONTH TERM, FROM JUNE 19, 2026, THROUGH NOVEMBER 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 \$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 M. Burns Assistant Library Director
PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION: Resolution to submit the application to the grant was approved at the April 7, 2026 Council meeting. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance was approved for introduction at the July 27, 2026 Council meeting.		
BACKGROUND: The American Conversation Project is a nonpartisan initiative designed to engage communities in a new kind of conversation. The American Conversation Project is a nonpartisan initiative led by the National Conference on Citizenship. This initiative teaches librarians and public servants to have meaningful conversations and express wants, needs, and desires of its constituents. These stories and conversations will allow the Laredo Public Libraries further insight into what its community wants and needs from its city.		
FINANCIAL IMPACT: Funding will be allocated in the General Fund.		
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: The Committee supports the acceptance of this grant.		STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Recommends that City Council introduce this Ordinance.

ORDINANCE No. 2026-O-137

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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 American Conversation Project requires no match from the City of Laredo

Whereas, this grant allows the Laredo Public Libraries to have meaningful conversations and express wants, needs, and desires of its constituents. These stories and conversations will allow the Laredo Public Libraries further insight into what its community wants and needs from its city;

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 RODRIGUEZ
FIRST ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY