

Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor Shetter and members of the Burleson City Council

From: Gayla Tennison, Library

Date: April 6, 2009

Subject: Approval of funding for the annual Mayor's Book Club from the Hotel/Motel Fund.

Council Action Requested:

1. Approval of the use of \$9,000 from the hotel/motel funds to pay for additional costs associated with the annual Mayor's Book Club that are not funded in the library's Project/Events account.

Background Information:

The annual Mayor's Book Club is a community reading initiative that encourages everyone in Burleson to read and discuss the same book/topic. Now in its second year, the book club has grown and interest for the discussions, speakers, and associated programming has extended beyond funding allocated by the general fund. The Burleson Public Library requests funding for the speaker's fees, travel expenses, and other costs associated with the event.

Board/Citizen Input:

N/A

Financial Considerations:

Funding from the library's account 1-1611-451.8103 covers the cost of purchasing books for the event and advertising. These expenses are \$1,500. This account also pays for the programs the library hosts in the summer as part of our annual Summer Reading Program. Costs for summer programming and prizes \$2,500. The total amount allocated in this account is \$5,100. Additional expenses associated with the Mayor's Book Club include the following: speaker's fees: \$5,000, travel expenses: \$2,500, and additional costs for luncheon and evening programs: \$2,500. Account 1-1661-451.8103

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will cover \$1,000 of the costs. The library requests \$9,000 from the hotel/motel fund to cover the additional costs that will be incurred.

Attachments:

N/A

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