

For Council Meeting:  
Agenda Item: \_\_\_\_\_

March 26, 2007  
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TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
THRU: ROBERT G. WELLS, CITY MANAGER *Robert G. Wells*  
FROM: GAIL WARNER, LIBRARY DIRECTOR *Gail P. Warner*  
SUBJECT: Library Services and Technology Act grant contract approval

ISSUE:

Shall City Council authorize staff to execute a grant contract with the Oregon State Library for a Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant?

RECOMMENDATION:

That City Council authorize staff to execute a grant contract with the Oregon State Library for a LSTA grant in the amount of \$34,550.

BACKGROUND:

On July 10, 2006, Council authorized library staff to apply for a LSTA grant from the Oregon State Library. The grant will allow library staff, working through Chemeketa Community College and Western Oregon University, to hire five interns per year who will work September-May, while school is in session, at Salem Public Library. Each intern will be offered up to 10 hours of work per week, which the intern would spend studying and getting hands-on experience in a library division. An emphasis will be placed on hiring students with the ability to speak languages other than English.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

In November 2006, library staff were notified that the grant would be awarded, and the project fully funded. The grant contract was received on March 5, 2007. Since then, the Oregon State Library has forwarded a grant contract for approval.