

REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

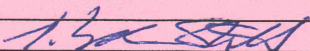
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Completed by County Counselor's Office:

Res/Ord No.: 5415

Sponsor(s): Theresa Cass Galvin

Date: October 5, 2020

<p>SUBJECT</p>	<p>Action Requested <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ordinance</p> <p>Project/Title: Appropriating \$50,000 in CARES Act funding for use by the Kansas City Public Library to support the purchase of 15 additional laptops for its device lending program.</p>														
<p>BUDGET INFORMATION <i>To be completed By Requesting Department and Finance</i></p>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Amount authorized by this legislation this fiscal year:</td> <td>\$50,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Amount previously authorized this fiscal year:</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total amount authorized after this legislative action:</td> <td>\$50,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Amount budgeted for this item * (including transfers):</td> <td>\$50,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Source of funding (name of fund) and account code number:</td> <td>\$50,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>FROM: 040-9999-32810 CARES Act Fund, Undesignated Balance</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>TO: 040 -1557-56070 CARES Act Fund, Kansas City Public Library, Intergovernmental Agreements</td> <td>\$50,000</td> </tr> </table> <p>* If account includes additional funds for other expenses, total budgeted in the account is: \$</p> <p>OTHER FINANCIAL INFORMATION:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No budget impact (no fiscal note required) <input type="checkbox"/> Term and Supply Contract (funds approved in the annual budget); estimated value and use of contract: Department: _____ Estimated Use: _____</p> <p>Prior Year Budget (if applicable): _____ Prior Year Actual Amount Spent (if applicable): _____</p>	Amount authorized by this legislation this fiscal year:	\$50,000	Amount previously authorized this fiscal year:		Total amount authorized after this legislative action:	\$50,000	Amount budgeted for this item * (including transfers):	\$50,000	Source of funding (name of fund) and account code number:	\$50,000	FROM: 040-9999-32810 CARES Act Fund, Undesignated Balance		TO: 040 -1557-56070 CARES Act Fund, Kansas City Public Library, Intergovernmental Agreements	\$50,000
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<p>PRIOR LEGISLATION</p>	<p>Prior ordinances and (date): _____ Prior resolutions and (date): _____</p>														
<p>CONTACT INFORMATION</p>	<p>RLA drafted by (name, title, & phone): Ashley Burke 816-881-3449</p>														
<p>REQUEST SUMMARY</p>	<p>This ordinance appropriates \$50,000.00 in CARES Act funding to the Kansas City Public Library to support the purchase of 15 additional laptops for its device lending program that will serve patrons and community partners needing such resources for telehealth or education purposes plus the annual fees and scholarships required to provide free access to Career Online High School for qualified students.</p>														
<p>CLEARANCE</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Tax Clearance Completed (Purchasing & Department) <input type="checkbox"/> Business License Verified (Purchasing & Department) <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 6 Compliance - Affirmative Action/Prevailing Wage (County Auditor's Office)</p>														
<p>COMPLIANCE</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> MBE Goals <input type="checkbox"/> WBE Goals <input type="checkbox"/> VBE Goals</p>														
<p>ATTACHMENTS</p>	<p>Further Project Background and Description Provided by KC Public Library</p>														
<p>REVIEW</p>	<p>Department Director: CAO:  Date: 9-28-2020</p>														

Finance (Budget Approval): <i>If applicable</i>	APPROVED By Mark Lang at 4:27 pm, Sep 24, 2020	Date:
Division Manager:	<i>Tracy M. Schlichter</i>	Date: <i>9-28-2020</i>
County Counselor's Office:	<i>Byron D. Lunsby</i>	Date: <i>10-1-20</i>

Fiscal Information (to be verified by Budget Office in Finance Department)

- This expenditure was included in the annual budget.
- Funds for this were encumbered from the _____ Fund in _____.
- There is a balance otherwise unencumbered to the credit of the appropriation to which the expenditure is chargeable and there is a cash balance otherwise unencumbered in the treasury to the credit of the fund from which payment is to be made each sufficient to provide for the obligation herein authorized.
- Funds sufficient for this expenditure will be/were appropriated by Ordinance # _____
- Funds sufficient for this appropriation are available from the source indicated below.

Account Number:	Account Title:	Amount Not to Exceed:
040-32810	Undesignated Fund Balance	\$50,000

- This award is made on a need basis and does not obligate Jackson County to pay any specific amount. The availability of funds for specific purchases will, of necessity, be determined as each using agency places its order.
- This legislative action does not impact the County financially and does not require Finance/Budget approval.

Supplemental Appropriation Request Jackson County, Missouri

Funds sufficient for this appropriation are available from the source indicated below.

Date: September 24, 2020

Ord # 5415

Department / Division	Character/Description	From	To
040 CARES Act			
9999 -	32810 Undesignated Fund Balance	\$ 50,000	\$ -
1557 Kansas City Public Library	56070 Intergovernmental Agreements	-	50,000
		<u>\$ 50,000</u>	<u>\$ 50,000</u>

APPROVED
By Mark Lang at 4:27 pm, Sep 24, 2020

Budget Office

Kansas City Public Library

Tech Access Health & Education Lending Program

Project Background and Description

The Kansas City Public Library respectfully requests \$50,000 in matching CARES Act funds from Jackson County, MO to support the purchase of 15 additional laptops for its device lending program that will serve patrons and community partners needing such resources for telehealth or education purposes plus the annual fees and scholarships required to provide free access to Career Online High School for qualified students.

The Kansas City Public Library's Technology for Health & Education Lending Program (TechHELP) will grant community members access to technology for the purposes of telehealth and education. Since the pandemic began affecting our community in March 2020, the Kansas City Public Library has received numerous inquiries from patrons and community partners about how to access important technology and digital resources.

KCPL has been able to accommodate a few requests from community partners including, for example, Hope Faith Ministries. They borrowed three laptops, a mobile hotspot, and other peripherals to offer telehealth appointments for their clients, primarily individuals experiencing homelessness. The library's limited resources, through this arrangement, have enabled Hope Faith's continued service to KCMO's most vulnerable populations during a pandemic.

The goal for KCPL's Health & Education Lending Project is to accommodate more such requests from community partners and patrons, especially as the need for technology and internet access remains a priority. The need for TechHELP has already been demonstrated through conversations with established community partners as they struggle to serve individuals who have few, if any, other options for connectivity. One existing such partnership is with KC Degrees, an initiative managed by Mid America Regional Council that provides support for adults earning a degree or trade certification. As KCPL staff surveyed existing partners regarding community need and interest in preparation for this project proposal, KC Degrees' director, Cedric Deadmon, stated the following.

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“There are many equity gaps around access to technology; magnified by COVID-19. We field several requests monthly from adults who lack access to technology or simply cannot afford the monthly cost. Most referrals are sent to Connecting for Good but there is still a financial investment involved. Higher education partners are providing some technology access, too for currently enrolled students. Adding another resource like the one in your proposed project, would be of great benefit to adult learners throughout the region.”

Additional established partnerships include six low-income housing complexes managed by a long-time community partner agency, Phoenix Family Services. Three of these five sites are exclusive to over 120 senior citizens each, most of whom have now been quarantined to their apartments for over three months. Providing a collection of internet-connected devices for residents to safely access telehealth services, from the safety of their homes, in addition to other healthcare resources such as a patient portal hosted by their physicians would fill a great need.

Three other Phoenix Family Services housing complexes regularly served by KCPL are home to diverse populations that include a mixture of senior citizens, families, immigrants, and refugees. At our pre-pandemic drop-in services sessions at these locations, KCPL staff and volunteers have assisted residents with the pursuit of or engagement with higher education, especially community college or professional certification programs. We therefore understand there are in fact students in residence at these low-income housing sites that would benefit from KCPL’s Health & Education Lending Program. Lending a collection of internet-connected devices to community partners such as Phoenix Family, KC Degrees, and others, enables students to stay on track to earn their degrees as most instruction moves to exclusively virtual platforms.

In addition to the described priorities of Tech Health & Education Lending Program, KCPL’s Strategic Initiatives team will designate a portion of Jackson County, MO support to K-12

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education by continuing to provide a unique opportunity for marginalized populations to pursue their high school diploma through Career Online High School (COHS.) In partnership with Mid Continent Public Library and Literacy KC, KCPL awards scholarships for the COHS program to up to 50 students per year so that cost is not a barrier to this important milestone in life. COHS is especially valuable to students for whom the traditional high school experience was not successful. COHS students are able to work at their own pace, via a completely online platform, to complete a career-focused high school program that not only results in an accredited diploma, but also integrates real-life applicable concepts to give them an advantage within the career path they have selected.

Project Budget

Project Expen	Expense Description	LSTA	Jackson
Project Staff	25% of Project Director salary, benefits and, mileage	\$ 21,935.00	\$
Laptops	60 Surface Pro Go laptops with 1 year of SIM service, mouse, privacy software for education and telehealth security, and maintenance	\$ 230.00	\$ 1
Marketing	Design, printing, and fees for advertisements	\$ 6,000.00	\$
Scholarships	Career Online High School online platform fees and scholarships for up to 50 students in partnership with MCPL and Literacy KC	\$ -	\$ 3
Project Total		\$ 28,165.00	\$ 5
		\$78,165.00	