



AGENDA ACTION FORM

Consideration of a Resolution to Enter an Application with the American Library Association for A Year in STEM Grant

To: Board of Mayor and Aldermen

From: Chris McCartt, City Manager *CM*

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Work Session: October 5, 2026

First Reading: N/A

Final Adoption: October 6, 2026

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Strategic Focus Area: 3. Exceptional Cultural & Recreational Opportunities

Recommendation:

Approve the Resolution

Executive Summary:

If approved, the library will apply for "A Year in STEM" Grant in the amount of \$5,000 from the American Library Association (ALA) in collaboration with Cummins Inc.

The \$5,000 of grant funding will be used for the purchase of additional STEM kits, replacing existing STEM kit components, and programming. The grant also includes a programming guide, four STEM kits per quarter, and promotional materials.

This grant has no match requirements. The application deadline is October 28, 2026.

The library experiences a high demand for STEM activities from our patrons. The library recently created STEM-focused programming that receives high praise for its innovation and learning processes. This has also increased our circulation of Scientific materials and the STEM Kits we currently have on hand. This grant will free up programming funds that are currently earmarked to replace worn STEM kit items and expand our ability to provide quality STEM-based programming for all ages.

Attachments:

1. Resolution
2. Application

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Clifton	—	—	—
Duncan	—	—	—
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Montgomery	—	—	—