



AGENDA ACTION FORM

Consideration of a Resolution Ratifying the Mayor’s Signature to Apply for and Receive Funds for the 2026 Training Opportunities for the Public (TOP) Grant

To: Board of Mayor and Aldermen
From: Chris McCartt, City Manager *CM*

Action Form No.: AF-79-2025
Work Session: March 31, 2025
First Reading: N/A
Final Adoption: April 1, 2025
Staff Work By: Committee
Presentation By: Michael T. Borders

Recommendation:

Approval of the Resolution.

Executive Summary:

If approved, the Mayor's signature will be ratified on the Training Opportunity for the Public (TOP) grant application through the Tennessee State Library and Archives (TSLA).

If awarded, the Kingsport Public Library (KPL) will receive funding of \$4,800. The TOP grant is designed to support libraries by covering the costs associated with digital literacy instructors and Wi-Fi hotspots.

Should KPL be awarded the grant, the funds will be allocated toward the purchase of six Wi-Fi hotspots, accompanying device cases, and a year of service. The grant stipulates a 20% matching contribution, which will be provided through KPL’s operations budget.

After the first year, it is estimated that the ongoing service costs for all devices will amount to approximately \$2,800. These costs will be covered through the KPL operations budget.

Currently, KPL has three hotspots, which will be designated for staff outreach. The new hotspots acquired through the grant will be made available for patron use.

Grant contracts start July 1, 2025 and end on June 30, 2026.

Attachments:

- 1. Resolution
- 2. Grant Application

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