



Town of Lake Park Town Commission

Agenda Request Form

Meeting Date: April 2, 2025

Originating Department: Communications and Grants

Agenda Title: Town Grantmaking Program Application - Imagination Library - FY 2025 (\$7,500)

Approved by Town Manager: _____ **Date:** _____

Cost of Item: \$0.00 **Funding Source:** _____

Account Number: _____ **Finance Signature:** _____

Advertised:

Date: N/A **Newspaper:** _____

Attachments: Grant Application From Nicholas and Christen Thompson Foundation

Please initial one:

_____ Yes I have notified everyone

MA Not applicable in this case

Summary Explanation/Background:

Within the FY 2025 Budget, the Town of Lake Park Town Commission authorized funding to support the Town's Grantmaking program in an effort to support local business and not-for-profit organizations seeking to provide programming designed to benefit the residents of the Town. The Town Commission approved \$10,000 within the FY 2025 Budget to support the Town's Grantmaking Program.

This year, the Town received one (1) grant application that met the stated funding requirements:

Applicant: Nicholas and Christen Thompson Foundation, which is the local program partner of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library.

Purpose: The Imagination Library mails one free, high quality, age-appropriate book

per month to children up to age five (5) enrolled in the program, regardless of income, at no cost to the family.

Grant Funding Goal:

Promote early childhood literacy and kindergarten readiness. Children enrolled at birth will have a library of 60 books when they reach their fifth birthday. The program currently serves 86 children in Lake Park.

Grant Funding Request:

The applicant is requesting \$7,500 to help host a **Lake Park Literacy Carnival** designed to introduce the program to new families and provide a free, entertaining experience for families that are already enrolled.

Last year's event (supported by a grant from the Town of Lake Park) featured a number of community organizations that provided resources and giveaways to the attendees in addition to the information from the Imagination Library, face painting, and more.

Recommended Motion:

I move to approve Town of Lake Park Grantmaking Program funding in the amount of \$7,500 within the FY 2025 Budget to support the request by the Nicholas and Christen Thompson Foundation's grant application.