

## **CITY OF RIO COMMUNITIES**

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To: Mayor and City Council; Library Board From: Dr. Martin D. Moore, City Manager

Subject: Approval Request Part-Time Librarian

I respectfully request authorization to hire a part time librarian (20 hours) at \$14-\$17 per hour.

Staff has conducted an assessment of potential grants in aid and have concluded that a certified librarian is needed in order to receive State library assistance grant funds (based on certification and population, for operations and salaries in the future). In addition, it puts the city in a position to take advantage of GO-BOND opportunities and provide stability for library operating hours. FUNDS ARE ALREADY BUILT INTO NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET, AND UNSPENT MONEY IS AVAILABLE IN THIS YEAR'S BUDGET TO HIRE SOMEONE BEFORE THE LIBRARY OPENS THIS YEAR.

Additional volunteers will be needed to assist the paid librarian and organize fund raising efforts. The librarian would provide consistent oversight of operations.