



TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Kelly Violette
Executive Director

MEETING DATE: December 6, 2021

SUBJECT: Friends of Tomball Community Library

ITEM TYPE: Action

Staff has received an official request for grant funding assistance from Janna Hoglund, Director, LSC-Tomball Community Library for assistance with developing a Young Adult Space to serve area youth.

In the attached letter, Ms. Hoglund provides an overview of the project, which includes remodeling a second-floor space at the Tomball Library and purchasing technology programs and equipment to provide improved access to advanced technology, resources, educational opportunities, and other relevant services. The goal of the project is to create a space that will provide learning and development experiences for youth, including workforce education initiatives, bridging technology gaps, and provide various skills to prepare them for the future.

The Young Adult space reorganization represents Phase 2 of the Tomball Innovation Lab initiative that started in 2019 and had its grand opening on January 28, 2020. This initiative was supported by the Tomball Chamber of Commerce, the Tomball Economic Development Corporation, Tomball ISD, HCA-Houston Healthcare Tomball and the city of Tomball.

Goal 5 of the TEDC Strategic Plan (Education and Workforce Development) is to partner with Local/Regional Educational institutions to further develop youth workforce initiatives in the city.