



**REQUEST FOR COMMISSION ACTION**  
**CITY OF INDEPENDENCE**  
**March 12, 2020**

Department Finance

Director Approval Lacey Lies

**AGENDA ITEM** Consider redirecting funds previously approved for the Library’s Children Area remodel to the Library’s Open Access.

**SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION** Approve to fund the remaining \$17,061 needed for Open Access at the Library.

**BACKGROUND** In 2019, the City budgeted \$60,000 for the Library’s Children Area remodel. The Library has since learned that they have been awarded multiple grants to help fund the project. The City encumbered the originally budgeted funds, as the project was not yet complete at the end of the year. The below table shows the expenditures out of this line item to date as well as the proposed funding to Open Access:

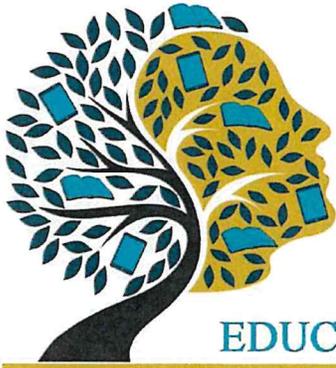
	Budget	Actual	(Over)/Under Budget
Children Area Remodel	\$60,000	\$2,288.44	\$57,711.56
Library Beam Replacement	\$0	\$6,862.50	(\$6,862.50)
Open Access	\$0	\$17,061.00	(\$17,061.00)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$60,000</b>	<b>\$26,211.94</b>	<b>\$33,788.06</b>

Reallocating the approved funds to the Library’s Open Access program will allow the Library to be open from 8 am to 10 pm seven days a week to better serve our community. In addition, these funds will mainly cover one-time cost of installation of security cameras which will help protect our facility and its patrons.

**BUDGET IMPACT** If approved, the City’s 2019 budgeted Library project funding would come in \$33,788.06 under budget.

**SUGGESTED MOTION** I move to approve funding to the Library’s Open Access program in the amount of \$17,061.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS** Letter from Library Director, Jeri Hopkins



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March 9, 2020

City Commission  
City of Independence

City Commissioners,

The Library would like to apply for assistance in gap funding for the Open Access initiative in the amount of \$17,061. The initiative will allow approved library patrons to have access to the library from 8 am to 10 pm, seven days a week. This more than doubles the number of hours the library will be available for use by the community.

Total cost of the initiative is \$52,647. The library has funding for \$35,586 raised through donations of our major donors and individual patrons. We have remaining \$17,061 to complete the initiative. This is mainly for the one-time cost of installation of the security cameras that cover every square foot of the library and has added additional outdoor cameras.

Any funding available would be greatly appreciated!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeri Kay Hopkins". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jeri Kay Hopkins,  
Director