

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM
DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM**

DEPARTMENT: Museums and Cultural Affairs

AGENDA DATE: 10/18/2016

CONTACT PERSON NAME AND PHONE NUMBER: Tracey Jerome, 212-1767

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All

STRATEGIC GOAL: 4.2 Create innovative recreational, educational and cultural programs

SUBJECT:

APPROVE a resolution / ordinance / lease to do what? **OR AUTHORIZE** the City Manager to do what? Be descriptive of what we want Council to approve. Include \$ amount if applicable.

That the City Manager is authorized to sign a letter addressed to the Institute of Museums and Library Services terminating grant #MA-10-14-0333-14 Paseo al Arte.

That the City Manager is authorized to sign all documents necessary to terminate grant #MA-10-14-0333-14 Paseo al Arte.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

Discussion of the what, why, where, when, and how to enable Council to have reasonably complete description of the contemplated action. This should include attachment of bid tabulation, or ordinance or resolution if appropriate. What are the benefits to the City of this action? What are the citizen concerns?

With the loss of our AVANCE partnership, it would not be fiscally responsible to pursue a replacement partnership at the start of year three of this grant. Funds that would be best spent improving the quality of outcome and the resultant product would instead be utilized in onboarding and educating new partners of the intricacies of the project. We would not move the project forward; the project would remain at year two status.

EPMA would also have to expend approximately \$28,000 to cover the vacant/eliminated EPMA positions that were budgeted to be Match/In-Kind. That dollar amount represents the original EPMA staff projections, as well as the missing AVANCE personnel.

The rate of staffing changes will not enable us to fulfill the strategies outlined in the grant as originally written. However, the data garnered over the two years has provided enormous insight into institutional as well as educational requirements needed in the creation of an accessible compelling program to serve audiences previously identified as not included among EPMA visitors. Evaluation findings documented substantial impacts on the knowledge, skills, behaviors, perceptions and interests of the participating families, suggesting that there are strong benefits to introducing families with young children- especially those not traditionally part of a museum-going culture- to a multi-layered, iterative visual literacy program. While we are not able to fulfill the final year of the grant, EPMA has exponentially gained information that we can utilize to serve a wider constituency long underserved in the community.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

Has the Council previously considered this item or a closely related one?

N/A

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

How will this item be funded? Has the item been budgeted? If so, identify funding source by account numbers and description of account. Does it require a budget transfer?

N/A

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

DEPARTMENT HEAD:



(If Department Head Summary Form is initiated by Purchasing, client department should sign also)

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

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ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2016.

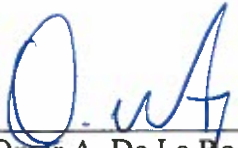
CITY OF EL PASO

Oscar Leeser, Mayor

ATTEST:


Richarda Duffy Momsen
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Omar A. De La Rosa
Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:



Tracey Jerome, Director
Museums and Cultural Affairs Department