

RESOLUTION NO. 4383

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ALBANY PUBLIC LIBRARY TO APPLY FOR A GRANT THROUGH THE LINN COUNTY COMMISSION ON CHILDREN AND FAMILIES TO ESTABLISH A LINN COUNTY NONRESIDENT LIBRARY CARD SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

WHEREAS, the Linn County Commission on Children and Families is accepting applications for its small grants program; and

WHEREAS, the Albany Public Library desires to participate in this grant program to the greatest extent possible as a means of providing library cards to those families with children who live outside the Albany city limits, who are currently ineligible to borrow from the Library for free, and who would otherwise not be able to afford a nonresident library card.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Albany City Council hereby adopts by resolution the authorization of the Albany Public Library to apply for a grant through the Linn County Commission on Children and Families for nonresidents with children as described above.

DATED THIS 24TH DAY OF JANUARY 2001

  
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Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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City Recorder



TO: Albany City Council  
VIA: Steve Bryant, City Manager  
FROM: Scott Keeney, Librarian II *sk*  
DATE: January 16, 2001  
SUBJECT: Nonresident Library Card Scholarship Fund Grant

Action Requested:

Approve request to apply for a grant through the Linn County Commission on Children and Families to establish a nonresident Library Card Scholarship Fund.

Discussion:

Because a key component of the Library's mission is to foster the ability of children to read to prepare them for educational success and productivity in society, we will provide funds for the first time ever to offer free Library cards to Linn County families with children who live outside the city limits. We hope to "serve the unserved," to extend library services to at least 200 to 300 new county patrons, and to offer our proven and popular benefits to families formerly unable or unwilling to afford them.

We hope to demonstrate, with favorable publicity and the rapid disbursement of these new scholarship funds, how hungry Linn County families are for free library service. We hope future possible collaborations will be stimulated as well, including: Albany School Foundation funding for nonresident GAPS student library cards; collective awareness among the cities near—Tangent and Millersburg—and far—Sweet Home, Brownsville, and Lebanon—that their residents are clamoring for better library service; and political awareness at the mayoral, council, and county commissioner levels of government of the need for better Library service.

Budget Impact:

None.

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Attachment