



**STAFF REPORT  
December 5, 2005**

ACTION:   X  

DISCUSSION: \_\_\_\_\_

**PROJECT TITLE: Ready, Set, Read Community Grants Funding Recommendations**

**A. BACKGROUND**

The Commission released the fifth round of Ready, Set, Read Community Grants in September 2005 to provide Grants of up to \$10,000 for activities such as family literacy events, family literacy projects, or books and developmental toys for lending libraries appropriate for children birth to age 5. \$50,000 was available.

The following groups were eligible to apply:

- **Non-Profit Organizations, Individual Library Branches and Adult Schools** with a history of providing family literacy services or services for homeless families could apply for a grant up to \$3,000.
- **A Collaboration of at least three (3) Library branches** could apply for a grant up to \$10,000.

Applicants were required to attend a mandatory Applicant Information Conference, where they had an opportunity to review the application. The applicants were then asked to submit a 6-question application and line item budget outlining their proposed projects.

The Commission received 16 applications totaling \$46,468.00. The review committee comprised of staff and commission members reviewed applications that clearly met the Commission's criteria and are recommending 13 groups totaling \$38,000 to receive funds (see attached listing). Most of the projects can be implemented with minor or no changes, while a few will require one-to-one technical assistance from staff to address some concerns that need further clarification.

**B. RECOMMENDATION**

The staff review committee recommends:

- Approval of up to \$38,000 in funding for 13 Ready, Set, Read Community Grants (see attached list).

**ATTACHMENTS: YES**

- Recommended Project Descriptions