



**STAFF REPORT
June 4, 2007
Agenda Item 9.0**

ACTION: _____

DISCUSSION: X

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

A. BACKGROUND

The Commission released the seventh round of Ready, Set, Read Community Grants in February 2007 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 8 applications totaling \$21,900.00. The review committee reviewed applications that clearly met the Commission's criteria and are recommending all 8 groups totaling \$21,900.00 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.

ATTACHMENTS: YES

- Recommended Project Descriptions