



Staff Report

Agenda Item: **Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Grant Application for Centennial Experience** – Approval of submitting a Library Services and Technology Act Grant Application for Centennial Experience through the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records.

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Background: Arizona State Library, Archives, and Public Records accepts Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Grant Applications annually for various projects. This is a competitive grant which has three funding categories – centennial experiences, lifespan learning, and virtual access. Typical grant awards range from \$10,000 up to \$50,000. There is no minimum or maximum amount that can be requested as well as no match requirement. The application deadline is March 15, 2010.

The Town will apply as joint applicants with the Clarkdale Heritage Center. This four phase project will collect and preserve as many local area oral histories as possible before the 2012 Centennial; condense them into a documentary film with an accompanying book on the 100 year history of Clarkdale (1912-2012) to be viewed at the commencement of the state's and Clarkdale's centennial celebrations. In the process, this project will involve surrounding area historical institutions and local youth through hands on learning and participation in the project. This will form a partnership with Clark Memorial Library, Heritage Conservancy Board, Clarkdale Heritage Center, community volunteers, and High School and Junior High students.

This LSTA grant will fund Phases II-IV with Phase I funding being sought after through the Arizona Historical Records Advisory Board (AHRAB) Grant.

Phase I (AHRAB Grant): An oral history expert will be hired to conduct a one day seminar in the Men's Lounge. The event will be publicized around the State of Arizona and will be free of charge for all those who wish to participate. The event will be organized by an event coordinator and volunteers from the Heritage Conservancy Board and the Clarkdale Heritage Center.

Phase II (LSTA Grant): Purchase the equipment needed for independent filmmaking that will be available for community use at the Clark Memorial Library. This equipment will be used to document oral histories of Clarkdale residents, both past and present, and condense the collection into a documentary film and book.

Phase III (LSTA Grant): Volunteers and the Mingus High School digital media class will help film, document, and transcribe histories. All this will accumulate in a free public viewing of the documentary of the 100 year history of the Town of Clarkdale 1912-2012 shown in the Clarkdale Town Park to kick off both the State of Arizona and the Town of Clarkdale's Centennial Celebration.

Phase IV (LSTA Grant): Phase IV will take place during the following school year (2011-2012) with funds from future AHRAB and LSTA grants. Funds will be used to educate at the junior high level; teaching the significance of oral and documented history. Kids will get hands on experience recording their own oral histories and properly storing them, utilizing equipment at the Clark Memorial Library purchased in phase II.

Recommendation: Approval of submitting a Library Services and Technology Act Grant Application for Centennial Experience through the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records.