

Resolution 2026-R-69

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a local match commitment letter in connection with an application to the Institute of Museum and Library Services for a National Leadership Grant for the Irondale Connect Bookmobile Project

WHEREAS, the Irondale Public Library serves approximately 13,545 residents of the City of Irondale, Jefferson County, Alabama, and is committed to providing equitable access to information, digital resources, and lifelong learning opportunities for all residents regardless of income, geography, or language;

WHEREAS, significant portions of the Irondale community, including children enrolled in five local schools, families residing in manufactured-home communities, residents in projected growth corridors, and persons with mobility limitations, face documented barriers to accessing the library's single fixed facility due to transportation limitations, geographic distance, limited broadband access, and language differences;

WHEREAS, the Irondale Public Library proposes to apply for a FY 2026 National Leadership Grant for Libraries from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) in the amount of \$150,000 to fund the Irondale Connect Bookmobile Project, which involves the acquisition and operation of an ADA-accessible bookmobile to deliver youth literacy programs, bilingual library services, and digital inclusion resources to underserved residents;

WHEREAS, the IMLS National Leadership Grant program requires a minimum 1:1 non-federal match, and the City of Irondale is prepared to provide \$150,000 in local capital funds as the required match, bringing the total project investment to \$300,000; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that this investment advances the public interest by expanding equitable access to library services for the City's most underserved residents and by generating a replicable model of small-city bookmobile service for the benefit of other Alabama communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Irondale, Alabama, as follows:

1. The City Council of the City of Irondale hereby authorizes and directs Mayor James D. Stewart Jr., or his designee, to execute, on behalf of the City of Irondale, a Local Match Commitment Letter addressed to the Institute of Museum and Library Services in connection with the Irondale Public Library's FY 2026 National Leadership Grant for Libraries application.
2. The City Council hereby commits \$150,000 from the FY 2026 City of Irondale capital budget funds as the required 1:1 non-federal match for the Irondale Connect Bookmobile Project. These funds shall be drawn from the City's capital budget account, shall not include any federal funds, and shall be administered in accordance with the

requirements of any applicable federal or state law and any applicable IMLS award conditions.

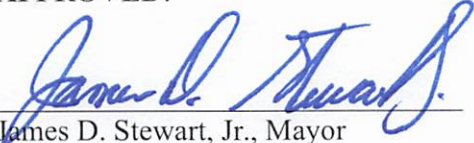
3. The City Clerk is authorized and directed to designate and track matching expenditures in a separate account and to provide documentation as IMLS may require to verify the source and use of match funds.
4. In the event the IMLS grant award is made to the City of Irondale, Mayor Stewart, or his designee, is authorized to execute such grant agreements, assurances, and related documents as may be necessary to receive and administer the award on behalf of the City of Irondale.
5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED: This 10th day of March, 2026



David Spivey, City Council President

APPROVED:



James D. Stewart, Jr., Mayor

ATTESTED:



Leigh Ann Allison, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I, Leigh Ann Allison, the City Clerk of the City of Irondale, Alabama, hereby certify the above to be a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Irondale at its special meeting held on March 10, 2026, as the same appears in the minutes of record of said meeting.



Leigh Ann Allison, City Clerk