

Council Agenda Item 26-0361R



MEETING DATE: May 11, 2026

SUBJECT/TITLE: RESOLUTION ACCEPTING REIMBURSEMENT MONEY FROM THE ARROWHEAD LIBRARY SYSTEM FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE LIBRARY.

SUBMITTED BY: Carla Powers

RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Approve

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION: Approved annually

BACKGROUND: Each year the Arrowhead Library System (ALS) provides formula-based reimbursement to its member libraries for sharing their materials with one another's patrons. The Duluth Public Library's crossover borrowing/bestseller reimbursement totals \$47,002. The Library uses this reimbursement to purchase library materials.

ALS also provides up to \$900 annually to help fund the region-wide One Book Northland project. These funds help cover the cost of an author visit or other One Book program.

In addition, ALS awards mini grants of up to \$250 per library location for the purpose of funding a small project at each member library. DPL is eligible to receive up to \$750 in mini grant funding per year. In the past, mini grants have been used to fund special programs or to purchase supplies such as fidget toys to enhance library spaces.

BUDGET/FISCAL IMPACT: \$47,002 is included in the Library's projected revenues for 2026.

OPTIONS: Accepting the reimbursements will allow the Library to utilize them in 2026 as planned. Declining the funding will result in a shortfall in the Library's revenue budget.

NECESSARY ACTION: Approval

ATTACHMENTS: None