



June 2, 2025

Florence Reeves
Herman Brown Free Library
100 E Washington
Burnet, Texas 78611

Grant#: 25401

Dear Florence Reeves,

The Tocker Foundation promotes Texas public libraries in communities of 12,000 or less. Grant applications are reviewed by a permanent committee of librarians appointed by the Texas Library Association. This grant brings the cumulative grant support to the Herman Brown Free Library to a total of \$163,710.

We have reviewed your grant application and we wish to fund the following:

Description	Requested		Funded
Burnet County Newspapers Digitization	\$46,450	up to	\$46,450
Grant Total	\$46,450		\$46,450

The enclosed contract is based on the breakdown above. Please sign both copies and return ONE signed copy in the enclosed self-addressed envelope. The grant is conditional on certain Foundation guidelines and allocation of funds. Please do not implement the project without first returning the grant contract. Digitization grants do not require the submission of a final report. All funds go directly to UNT.

The members of the Tocker Foundation have been very pleased with the digitization products from the Portal to Texas History. We are proud to have your collection available online. Congratulations on your successful application.

Sincerely,

Darryl Tocker
Executive Director





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Grant Contract

Grant Number: 25401

Amount: \$46,450

GRANTEE: Herman Brown Free Library

PURPOSE: Burnet County Newspapers Digitization

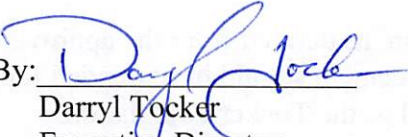
1. This grant is for the specific purpose(s) set forth herein, as derived from the approved grant application, and moneys received under this agreement should be expended for no other purpose(s) without the express, written approval of the Tocker Foundation.
2. Grantee specifically agrees that no part of the funds received from this grant will be used to carry on propaganda, influence legislation, influence the outcome of any specific public election, or carry on directly or indirectly, any voter registration drive.
3. Grantee agrees immediately to notify the Tocker Foundation, in writing, if (i) grantee's federal tax status is revoked or altered; (ii) Grantee has reasonable grounds to believe that its tax-exempt status may be revoked or altered; or (iii) Grantee has reason to believe that these grant moneys cannot be or continue to be expended for the specified purpose(s). In the event that grantee loses its tax-exempt status before all funds under this grant are dispensed, this grant contract will be considered null and void and all obligations of the Tocker Foundation hereunder will terminate.
4. Grantee will cooperate with the Tocker Foundation in supplying additional information or in complying with any procedures which might be required by any governmental agency in order for the Tocker Foundation to establish the fact that it has observed all requirement of the law with respect to this grant.
5. The Tocker Foundation retains the right to release information regarding this grant to any public media. Permission is hereby given for Grantee to use any wording contained in this contract and the accompanying letter in press releases. Grantee agrees to forward to the Tocker Foundation copies of any news releases, published materials, or media articles mentioning this grant which come to Grantee's notice or attention.

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7. This grant is conditional upon Grantee's acceptance of the terms and conditions set forth herein and in the letter of notification of award. The signature on this document of the persons authorized to make legal contracts for Grantee will represent Grantee's acceptance of this award and agreement to comply with the stated terms and conditions of this grant.

The undersigned officials of the Herman Brown Free Library have carefully read this contract and agree to the terms and conditions stated herein.

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Herman Brown Free Library

By: 

Darryl Tocker
Executive Director

By: _____

Florence Reeves
Library Director

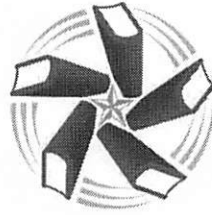
Date: May 30, 2025

Date: _____

By: _____

Bryan Wilson
Burnet County Judge

Date: _____



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The Tocker Foundation was established in 1964 to implement the philanthropic interests of Phillip and Olive Tocker. Phillip Tocker was a practicing attorney, but changed careers in his later years by purchasing the Waco outdoor advertising plant. The family business was destroyed in the 1953 Waco tornado. The family rebuilt and the business survived. Phillip Tocker's vocational career culminated to the position of President of the Outdoor Advertising Association of America. After retiring, Phillip and Olive Tocker actively pursued their avocations. Phillip and Olive Tocker endowed the Foundation with their estates in 1994 and 1993 respectively.

In 1992 the Foundation board decided to focus grant distribution to small rural libraries serving a population of 12,000 or less. The direction is to assist libraries in making services more accessible to individuals who by reason of distance, residence, handicap, age, literacy level or other disadvantage are unable to receive the benefits of public library services. Grants are distributed to assisting libraries to serve as community centers, information resources and provide literacy and bilingual programs. The Foundation partners with community libraries to meet the particular needs of the community.

The Foundation board members are Mrs. Barbara Tocker (Chair), Mr. Terry Tocker (Vice Chair), Mr. Darryl Tocker (Executive Director), Mrs. Donna Tocker, Mrs. Natalie Tocker, Ms. Laura Tocker, Ms. Rachel Tocker, Ms. Gretchen Pruett, Mr. Edward Smith and Mr. Mark Smith. Grant applications are evaluated by a permanent committee of the Texas Library Association. Over the past years the board members have seen inroads made towards library automation, digitization of historical documents and computer access. Grants have been extended for outreach and "shut - in" programs, enhancement of services, adult reading classes, after school projects, bilingual material and many other projects initiated by the community public library. We look forward to serving in this direction for many years.

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