

Ladd and Katherine Hancher Library Foundation

Grant Application

The Ladd and Katherine Hancher Library Foundation will consider requests from public libraries serving populations of 50,000 or less. Projects are reviewed for the level of educational contribution to the community. Funding will not be considered for normal operating expenses, normal salaries or employee benefits.

Application Deadline: Friday, August 29, 2025

Name of Organization: Spicewood Community Library

Name of Contact: Amy Davis Contact Title: Burnet County Library Staff

Physical Address: 1011 Spur 191 City: Spicewood State: TX Zip: 78669

Mailing Address: 220 S. Pierce St. City: Burnet State: TX Zip: 78611

Telephone: (830) 693-7892 Fax: N/A Email: Spicewoodlibrary@gmail.com

Website: www.spicewoodlibrary.org

Current Assigned Texas State Library Population: 11,230

Grant Amount Requested: \$12,600 Project Title: Technology Upgrade

AGREEMENT: If awarded a grant, it is agreed that this library will submit a **Final Report** that includes a review of what was purchased and the value/success of the purchase(s) in relation to your library. A detailed accounting of expenditures is not necessary. The **Final Report** is due on or before one year from the date the grant is funded.

Amanda Rose

Director

July 21, 2025

Signature of Representative

Title

Date

ASSURANCES OF CONTINUED LOCAL SUPPORT: It is agreed that local funding for this library will not be diminished, curtailed, or cut in any way as a result of awarding this grant.

Signature of Authorization

Title

Date

Address each of the following items. Responses to each item should be limited to one page or less.

1. Describe the project to be funded by the Ladd and Katherine Hancher Library Foundation. (limit your description to one page.)

Include:

- The library service area and population to be affected by the project.

Spicewood Community Library serves a diverse community of Burnet County and surrounding areas in western Travis County. Our mission is to provide a welcoming space where patrons of all ages and backgrounds have free and equal access to a variety of materials and resources for personal enrichment and to be an advocate in the community for lifelong learning. Our library's vision is to be the place in our community to learn, discover, educate, enjoy and to play an essential role in the educational growth of our community.

With Spicewood's population expected to reach over 15,000 by 2028, the demand for accessible technology and educational services will only grow. This grant would be a crucial step in ensuring our library remains an important resource for education and technology.

- Describe the project and the needs your project will address.

The Spicewood Community Library would use this grant to strengthen its educational services by purchasing seven new computers with updated and secure software and operating systems, along with a new wireless printer. This project will focus on making sure that patrons and staff have access to reliable, up-to-date resources for educational and professional development, which is essential in a community where internet access can be limited. Currently, the library provides five outdated public computers. This raises concern for those individuals using the library for job applications, resume building, continuing education courses, emails, general research, tax information and anything that involves sensitive data. By upgrading our computers and being able to implement the latest security features, we can create a safe and supportive environment for our patrons without the fear of data breaches. In addition to updating our computers, this project will replace the library's primary printer, which is heavily used by both patrons and staff. Our current printer, which is not Wi-Fi compatible, is a high-traffic resource for our patrons. In replacing this printer with a Wi-Fi enabled one, we can allow the patrons to print their documents from their personal devices more easily and efficiently, without having to email them to the library staff computers first. This upgrade will create a more user-friendly and simplified way for our patrons who

rely on our library for important tasks that require printing for important personal and professional materials. All in all, this project will directly address the community's needs for secure and up-to-date technology, allowing the Spicewood Community Library to better serve our rural population. Enhanced technology and printing capabilities will ensure that the library can support its mission to play an essential role in the community for learning, discovering, and personal growth in an increasingly technology-driven world.

- Provide a tentative timeline for implementation of your project.

If awarded this grant, the Burnet County Technology Department will place the order for the new computers and Wi-Fi compatible printer. Once the order is placed and shipped, the department will install everything within 4 to 5 months. This timeframe allows our tech staff to set up the necessary software on the computers before delivering them to the Spicewood library branch. After installation, the new technology will be available for use by both patrons and staff.

2. Has this library received a previous grant from the Ladd and Katherine Hancher

Library Foundation? ____Yes [Year(s) received ____] __X__No

3. If a grant is awarded, how will this project be funded beyond the grant year?

Ongoing computer maintenance will be provided by the Burnet County IT Department at no additional cost to the library. Funding for operational supplies, including toner, paper, accessories, and software, will be covered by Burnet County and the Friends of the Spicewood Library.

4. Provide a detailed budget for your project. Include itemized costs for materials, equipment, furniture, shipping, labor, etc....

See attached paperwork for detailed budget.

5. Describe how this project will improve the library educational services in your community. Denote the group(s) in your community who benefit and how they will benefit from this project.

One of the goals of Spicewood Community Library is to be a place where the community can learn, discover and grow, both intellectually and technologically. This project supports that vision by upgrading our current technology and adding new resources. Replacing the outdated systems will give our community access to the latest educational tools, which are needed in our community for those that are looking for more personal and professional development.

The library currently offers free 24/7 Wi-Fi access to all community members, regardless of their personal home internet situation, whether they are inside the building or accessing it from the parking lot. For many of our patrons who struggle to navigate the growing digital world, these upgrades would allow us to better support them with improved assistance and computer training to further develop the necessary skills for the evolving job requirements and educational resources.

A recent survey showed a clear need for better technology access, especially for high-speed internet, computers and ability to have tele-health services. By addressing these community needs, the library will be able to directly impact patrons by giving them the tools they need to succeed in today's digital age. Spicewood Community Library will always be an advocate for every member of our community, regardless of their background or situation.

6. Explain how you will measure the success of your project. What are the outcomes you anticipate?

We will be measuring the success of this project through statistics and feedback from the community. Currently, we track monthly statistics on the number of patrons using the computers and any required assistance with a sign-in sheet and daily log. This information will continue to be collected and expanded to be able to more closely monitor the computer usage and need for technological support. Additionally, we will keep track of the number of printing services utilized by patrons during business hours. We will also be able to gather direct feedback from patrons to see how the upgrades are making a difference.

With the new technology, we expect to see several positive changes. First and foremost, we would expect to see improved overall computer performance, in

that the computers will be able to run newer applications and security software without slowing down or freezing. We would also see better security standards to further protect our patrons' privacy. Additionally, the efficiency in adding a Wi-Fi compatible printer will cut down on wait times, and improve control and privacy for patrons to print directly from their personal devices. Lastly, we would like to see that these improvements will help our patrons take full advantage of any educational and professional opportunities, furthering our library's mission and vision for the community.

7. Identify the person(s) who will implement the project, monitor the results and submit the report. Provide name(s), title(s) and address(es).

Burnet County IT Department

**Amy Davis, Spicewood Library Tech (Project Implementation, Monitoring,
Submission of Report)**

Amanda Rose, Library Director

8. Please include any additional information you believe is important.

Spicewood Community Library opened its doors in 2007, thanks to the generosity of members in the community and a donation of land and a building structure. In October 2021, we officially became a branch of the Burnet County Library System, which has allowed us to greatly expand the materials and services we offer to our community. With Burnet County's support, we are able to fund three part-time staffers and receive assistance with some operational expenses, helping us to grow and serve our patrons.

Right now, we are close to half way in reaching our fundraising goal for a new library building. Patrons have become very excited in being able to see the design and plans for the new library and we hope to begin construction later this year. This new technology would be a very valuable addition to our library and would allow us to be in a better position to support the lifelong learning, educational opportunities and personal and professional development for everyone in Spicewood.

Thank you very much for taking the time to consider our project proposal. Support from the Hancher Library Foundation would go a long way in improving the educational and technological resources available in our community.

CONTACT INFO: E-mail: info@hancherlibraryfoundation.org

Web Page: www.HancherLibraryFoundation.org

WHAT TO SEND:

One copy of the Grant Application.

One copy of your Annual Report to the Texas State Library.

Application must be postmarked by Friday, August 29, 2025

Attn: Charlotte Tilotta

P.O. Box 878

Columbus, TX 78934

Spicewood Community Library Budget for 7 new Dell All-In-One computers and Brother Workhorse Printer and media tray

Description	Quantity	Unit Price	Subtotal
New OptiPlex Small Form Factor Plus 7020 XCTO Computer	7	\$1,532.00	\$10,724.00
Dell Pro 27 Plus Monitor- P2725H	7	\$175.37	\$1,227.59
Brother Workhorse MFC-L8395CDW Printer	1	\$480.00	\$480.00
Brother Additional Media Tray	1	\$159.00	\$159.00
Total Cost			\$12,600.00

The State of Texas {}

County of Burnet {} On this the 25th day of March 2025, the Burnet County Commissioners Court met in regular session. The following members of the court were present:

County Judge Bryan Wilson
Commissioner Precinct 1 Jim Luther, Jr.
Commissioner Precinct 2 Damon Beierle
Commissioner Precinct 3 Chad Collier
Commissioner Precinct 4 Joe Don Dockery

Attendees: Eddie Arredondo, County Attorney
Colleen Davis, Assistant County Attorney
Randy Leavitt, Commissioners Court Counsel
Vicinta Stafford, County Clerk
Karin Smith, County Auditor
Stephanie McCormick, Comm. Court Coordinator

Item #1:

Call to Order

Judge Bryan Wilson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Item #2:

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flags

Pastor John Weems led the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flags.

Item #3:

Public Comments - Pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.007 (b), any person may make comment on any item appearing on the agenda. Any comments made will not be addressed by the Commissioners Court during the Public Comments agenda item. Public Comments are limited to three (3) minutes per person.

Herb Krasner spoke.

Claire Nybro spoke.

Patricia Cope spoke.

Linda Standefer spoke.

Attachments:

Herb Krasner Handout

Claire Nybro Handout

Patricia Cope Handout

Patricia Cope Handout 2

Item #4:

Presentation from Marble Falls Independent School District Superintendent Dr. Jeff Gasaway regarding the upcoming Marble Falls ISD bond election provided as a courtesy to Burnet County. Discussion and questions may follow (Dockery).

The court took no action on this agenda item.

Item #5:

Presentation of the Burnet County Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024, by Patillo, Brown & Hill, LLP (Wilson/K.Smith)

Mishal Majewski with Patillo, Brown & Hill, LLP spoke and gave audit results.

Public Comment:

Patricia Cope spoke.

Attachments:

Pattillo, Brown and Hill, LLP Letter
Annual Financial Report
Annual Audit

Item #6:

Consideration for approval of setting a date for the HHW (Household Hazardous Waste) Event (Dockery).

County Commissioner Joe Don Dockery spoke.

Motion is made by Commissioner Precinct 4 Joe Don Dockery, Seconded by Commissioner Precinct 2 Damon Beierle to approve setting a date for the HHW (Household Hazardous Waste) Event for October 25, 2025.

Vote: 5 - 0 - Unanimously

Item #7:

Consideration for approval of a letter of support for Workforce Solutions Rural Capital Area Rural Training Lab focused on healthcare careers (Beierle).

County Commissioner Damon Beierle spoke.

Motion is made by Commissioner Precinct 2 Damon Beierle, Seconded by Commissioner Precinct 1 Jim Luther, Jr. to approve a letter of support for Workforce Solutions Rural Capital Area Rural Training Lab focused on healthcare careers.

Vote: 5 - 0 - Unanimously

Attachments:

WSRCA Letter of Support

Item #8:

Consideration for approval for JP2 to utilize Justice Technology Funds for training (Wilson)

The court discussed this agenda item.

Motion is made by Commissioner Precinct 2 Damon Beierle, Seconded by Commissioner Precinct 3 Chad Collier to approve JP2 to utilize Justice Technology Funds for training.

Vote: 5 - 0 - Unanimously

Item #9:

Consideration for approval allowing the use of county equipment and manpower to assist the Burnet Rodeo Association in arena preparation for their upcoming fundraiser (Beierle)

The court discussed this agenda item.

Motion is made by Commissioner Precinct 4 Joe Don Dockery, Seconded by Commissioner Precinct 3 Chad Collier to approve allowing the use of county equipment and manpower to assist the Burnet Rodeo Association in arena preparation for their upcoming fundraiser.

Vote: 5 - 0 - Unanimously

Item #10:

Consideration for approval regarding potential purchase or lease of modular building currently located on county property at 100 C.R. 250, and currently leased by Lonestar Land Partners (Wilson)

- a. Said conversation may include granting of authority to the Burnet County Judge to negotiate a purchase price including potential contribution from Lonestar Land Partners that may be considered further by the commissioners court at a future date.
- b. EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Commissioners Court of Burnet County reserves the right to go into executive session as authorized under 551.071 and 551.072 of the Texas Government Code (Attorney Consultation) and (Deliberation regarding real property) regarding the above-described lease or purchase of the property.

Judge Bryan Wilson spoke.

Richard Gumbert spoke.

Public Comment:

Claire Nybro spoke

Patricia Cope spoke

Raymond Whelan spoke

Michele Moore spoke

Mike Kamalah spoke

Recess at 9:53 a.m.

Reconvene 9:57 a.m.

Item #10:

Consideration for approval regarding potential purchase or lease of modular building currently located on county property at 100 C.R. 250, and currently leased by Lonestar Land Partners (Wilson)

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- b. EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Commissioners Court of Burnet County reserves the right to go into executive session as authorized under 551.071 and 551.072 of the Texas Government Code (Attorney Consultation) and (Deliberation regarding real property) regarding the above-described lease or purchase of the property.

Motion is made by County Judge Bryan Wilson, Seconded by Commissioner Precinct 3 Chad Collier to approve the purchase of modular building currently located on county property at 100 C.R. 250, and currently leased by Lonestar Land Partners for \$92,547.00 contingent upon Lonestar Land Partners providing a \$10,000.00 donation to Mobile Modular.

Vote: 5 - 0 - Unanimously

Item #11:

Consideration for approval of bylaws to establish the Central Texas Spaceport Development Corporation with Williamson County, Texas in accordance with the Nonprofit Corporations Act, Chapter 22 of the Texas Business Organizations Code (Wilson)

Scott Smith, Assistant Director for Economic Development, in the City of Cedar Park, spoke.
Dan Fermon with FireFly Aerospace spoke.

Public Comment:

Juanita Kauffman spoke.
Patricia Cope spoke.
Claire Nybro spoke.
Sally Tutor spoke.

The court took no action on this agenda item.

Attachments:

Spaceport Bylaws
Spaceport Handout
Patricia Cope Handout

Item #12:

Consideration for approval regarding the allocation of \$100,000 from Capital Area Housing Finance to local Burnet County non-profit organizations (Wilson)

Motion is made by Commissioner Precinct 4 Joe Don Dockery, Seconded by Commissioner Precinct 1 Jim Luther, Jr. to approve the allocation of \$100,000 from Capital Area Housing Finance to local Burnet County non-profit organizations, Burnet County Outreach.

Vote: 5 - 0 - Unanimously

Attachments:

Capital Area Housing non profit list

Item #13:

Consideration for approval of the preliminary plat for Moonlight Bend, a private subdivision consisting of 134 lots on 591.6905 acres located at 535 Flying X Road, Spicewood (Dockery)

Herb Darling, Director Burnet County Development Services, spoke.

Public Comment:

Patricia Cope spoke.

Motion is made by Commissioner Precinct 4 Joe Don Dockery, Seconded by Commissioner Precinct 3 Chad Collier to approve the preliminary plat for Moonlight Bend,

a private subdivision consisting of 134 lots on 591.6905 acres located at 535 Flying X Road, Spicewood.

Vote: 5 - 0 - Unanimously

Item #14:

Consideration for approval of the release of Subdivision Maintenance Bond #448643MNT for Rees Landing_(Dockery).

Herb Darling, Director Burnet County Development Services, spoke.

Motion is made by Commissioner Precinct 4 Joe Don Dockery, Seconded by Commissioner Precinct 1 Jim Luther, Jr. to approve the release of Subdivision Maintenance Bond #448643MNT for Rees Landing.

Vote: 5 - 0 - Unanimously

Attachments:

Maintenance Bond #4448643MNT

Item #15:

Consider for adoption the Performance Based Budget Worksheet for the Elected Officials and Department Heads (Wilson).

Patricia Cope spoke.

Casie Walker, District Clerk, and Vicinta Stafford, County Clerk, Spoke.

Alan Trevino, Chief Deputy, spoke.

Motion is made by Commissioner Precinct 3 Chad Collier, Seconded by Commissioner Precinct 2 Damon Beierle to approve a concept of a Performance Based Budget Worksheet for the Elected Officials and Department Heads.

Vote: 5 - 0 - Unanimously

Attachments:

Performance based budget worksheet

Item #16:

Consider the FY 2025-2026 Budget and Tax Calendar (Wilson).

Reviewed.

Attachments:

FY 25-26 Budget & Tax Calendar

Item #17:

Consideration for approval of the Treasurer's monthly report for February 2025 (Wilson/K.Crownover)

Karrie Crownover, County Treasurer, gave monthly report for February 2025.

Beginning Cash and Investments Balance \$74,436,942.11

Cash Receipts \$22,275,146.10

Allocated Int Earned \$54,164.36

Interest Earned \$222,538.09

Cash Disbursements -\$12,481,332.30

Month Ending Cash and Investments Balance \$84,517,595.90

Reserve Donations to VetRides \$3,007.00

Motion is made by Commissioner Precinct 4 Joe Don Dockery, Seconded by Commissioner Precinct 2 Damon Beierle to approve the Treasurer's monthly report for February 2025.

Vote: 5 - 0 - Unanimously

Attachments:

February Treasurer's Report

Item #18:

Consideration for approval for the authorization of payment of claims previously approved by the County Auditor (Wilson)

Karin Smith, County Auditor, spoke.

Motion is made by County Judge Bryan Wilson, Seconded by Commissioner Precinct 1 Jim Luther, Jr. to approve the authorization of payment of claims previously approved by the County Auditor.

Vote: 5 - 0 - Unanimously

Attachments:

Cash Requirement

Prepays

Payroll

Item #19:

Consideration for approval regarding budget inner departmental line item transfers (Wilson)

Karin Smith, County Auditor, spoke.

Motion is made by Commissioner Precinct 2 Damon Beierle, Seconded by Commissioner Precinct 1 Jim Luther, Jr. to approve budget inner departmental line item transfers.

Vote: 5 - 0 - Unanimously

Attachments:

Line Item Transfers

Line Item Transfers RB2

Line Item Transfers Modular bldg

Item #20:

Consideration for approval regarding Departmental asset transfers (Wilson)

Karin Smith, County Auditor, spoke.

Motion is made by Commissioner Precinct 1 Jim Luther, Jr., Seconded by Commissioner Precinct 3 Chad Collier to approve Departmental asset transfers.

Vote: 5 - 0 - Unanimously

Attachments:

Dept. Asset Transfer Jail

Dept. Asset Transfer SO

Item #21:

Acknowledgment of Receipt: (Wilson)

- a. Burnet County Transfer Station Rate Adjustment Notice
- b. TCEQ Notice Permit No. WQ0015823001
- c. Auditor's Report and review of cash bonds
- d. Auditor's February monthly financial report
- e. ESD Audit report for FY-2024
- f. Keefe Commissary Network LLC for Commissary Services Agreement for Burnet County Jail beginning April 1, 2025
- g. Marble Falls Area EMS Report for March

Acknowledged.

Attachments:

Transfer station rate adjustment

TCEQ Notice WQ0015823001

Auditors report on cash bonds

Auditors Feb. financial report

ESD 5 Audit Report

Keefe Agreement

Marble Falls EMS report for March

Item #22:

Consideration for approval regarding contracts, agreements or grants to be approved and/or ratified: (Wilson)

- a. Approval for the Ladd and Katherine Hancher Library Foundation grants for Spicewood Library. The application will be for five (5) computers and one (1) printer
- b. Approval for the renewal of the Lexis Nexis Contract for FY25 to be paid for out of the Law Library fund
- c. Approval of the Peace Officer Training Reimbursement Agreement
- d. Acceptance of the letter of assignment pertaining to that certain Permanent Drainage and Temporary Construction Easement as it relates to drainage improvements on CR 407
- e. Approval of the Triumvirate agreement for the waste disposal for the BOPATE Collection Event scheduled for April 26, 2025
- f. Agreement with Thomson Reuters for Westlaw Edge Software subscription to be paid for out of the Law Library fund
- g. Interlocal Agreement and approval of Order between the City of Marble Falls to assist the city with approximately 2.3 miles of chip/seal paving on Mormon Mill Road between the intersection of Hwy. 281 and the city limits

22e. Was approved in a previous court.

Motion is made by County Judge Bryan Wilson, Seconded by Commissioner Precinct 1 Jim Luther, Jr. to approve a-d and f-g.

Vote: 5 - 0 - Unanimously

Attachments:

Lexis Nexis Agreement
Peace Officer Reimbursement Program
Easement CR 407
Thomson Reuters Software Subscription
Interlocal and Order with City of Marble Falls

Item #23:

Consideration for approval concerning calling for Bids and Bid openings, request for proposals/qualifications and related openings: (Wilson)

- a. E-rate bid for Burnet County Library Systems Internet

Megan Schmun with the Auditor's Office spoke.

Motion is made by Commissioner Precinct 4 Joe Don Dockery, Seconded by Commissioner Precinct 2 Damon Beierle to approve E-rate bid for Burnet County Library Systems Internet.

Vote: 5 - 0 - Unanimously

Attachments:

E-rate Bid Herman Brown and Marble Falls Library

E-rate Bertram Library

Item #24:

Calendar Review.

Reviewed.

Item #25:

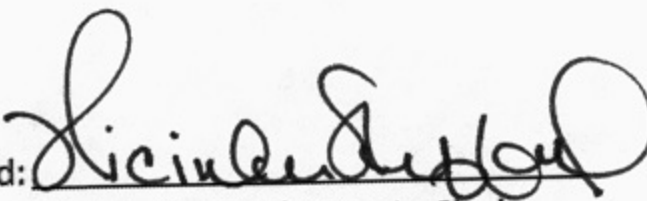
Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:41 a.m.

Motion is made by Commissioner Precinct 1 Jim Luther, Jr., Seconded by Commissioner Precinct 3 Chad Collier to adjourn meeting at 11:41 a.m.

Vote: 5 - 0 - Unanimously

Signature

Attested: 
Vicinta Stafford, County Clerk