

SUBJECT: Consideration and possible approval of multiple 2025 Dollar General Literacy Foundation grant awards in the amount of \$9,000.

BACKGROUND: 2025 Dollar General Literacy Grant Awards

Sam Rayburn High School received an award in the amount of \$5,000, to support their project, *STARI for English Intervention*. Strategic Adolescent Reading Intervention (STARI) will reach 100 students who need targeted, intensive reading instruction. For approximately 60 of the students, STARI will be used in a Tier 3 Reading class. For the remaining 40, it will be used during the daily intervention period. Using research-based practices and highly engaging texts, STARI addresses gaps in fluency, decoding, reading stamina, and comprehension, moving students to higher levels of proficiency. Sam Rayburn will use grant funds to purchase reusable materials and professional development workshops for teachers implementing the STARI program.

Burnett Elementary received a grant award of \$4,000, to support their project, *The BEST Books for Burnett*. The project aims to create a welcoming library space where students can find exciting chapter books that are perfect for those who need extra help with reading. Grant funds will allow the librarian to purchase high-interest, low-level chapter books to address the specific needs of those reading below grade level. Additionally, the goal of the project is to inspire students to find titles that excite their interest but remain readable on their level.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: Items described will be provided with grant funds.

RECOMMENDATION: We recommend approval of the multiple 2025 Dollar General Literacy Foundation grant awards totaling \$9,000.

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