

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Administrative Code - Library Laureate Programs]

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to establish the Library Laureate Programs, authorizing the Library to grant stipends to individuals selected through a competitive process as Laureates or Finalists in recognition of their achievements, leadership, and cultural contributions, and in exchange for their service to the City.

Existing Law

Existing law imposes certain contracting requirements and restrictions on the City's award of grants set forth in Chapter 21G of the Administrative Code. Under existing law, stipends granted to individuals through an honorary laureate program are subject to Chapter 21G.

Amendments to Current Law

The proposed ordinance adds Chapter 123 to the Administrative Code to establish the Library Laureate Programs. The ordinance would authorize the Library to enter into agreements with, and grant stipends to, individuals selected through a competitive process as Laureates or Finalists, while exempting the Programs from certain restrictions imposed by Chapter 21G. The proposed ordinance sets forth requirements for the Laureate Programs, including the publication of invitations for applications, evaluation and ranking of applicants based upon criteria established by the Library, final selection of Laureates and Finalists by the Mayor, and that Laureate agreements with selected individuals contain certain specified terms.

Background Information

The Library has established a model process to identify and select Poet Laureates, which has been replicated in the selection of a Drag Laureate. The stipends granted to Laureates are subject to certain requirements contained in Chapter 21G that do not fit the Program. For example, Chapter 21G requires that a City grantee be registered to do business in the State and City, and that grantee maintain certain insurance, but Laureate Agreements are entered into with individuals who may not maintain a business license or such insurance.

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