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This grant awards \$25,000 to the Library, which will be matched by \$25,000 from the Madison Public Library Foundation. The Library will include expenditures and revenues associated with this grant in their 2014 operating budget request.

Supporting the application by the City of Madison to the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) for an Our Town grant to be used to help fund "The Bubbler: Madison Public Library Maker Program" and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a contract with NEA to receive and use these funds should they be awarded.

WHEREAS, fueled by the energy of a new Central Library opening in September of 2013, the Madison Public Library (MPL) developed a new maker-focused program model for all ages called, "The Bubbler"; and,

WHEREAS, "The Bubbler" is a free and accessible public program that facilitates the sharing of skills and tools of local artists, designers, craftspeople, and technology experts with participants attending a rotation of hands-on, pop-up workshops; and,

WHEREAS, "The Bubbler" is an art, design, and technology series that will accommodate diverse projects and interests at Madison's nine libraries and other community locations such as schools and senior centers; and,

WHEREAS, the goal of "The Bubbler" will be for participants to create a work or product, and to leave the library with a new skill and a civic engagement experience centered around the process of making; and,

WHEREAS, "The Bubbler" will reach a broad segment of the community, especially those populations that might not otherwise have access to the tools, opportunities, and instruction provided through this innovative program; and,

WHEREAS, the Madison Arts Commission, the Madison Public Library, and the Madison Public Library Foundation collaborated on submitting an application for an Our Town Grant to the National Endowment for the Arts to help fund "The Bubbler" on January 14, 2013; and,

WHEREAS, the Madison Public Library Foundation has agreed to raise private funds to match the Our Town grant award dollar for dollar as is required by the NEA,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Madison Common Council supports the application by the City of Madison to the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) for an Our Town grant to be used to help fund "The Bubbler: Madison Public Library Maker Program" and authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a contract with NEA to receive and use these funds should they be awarded and to sign all documents related to the grant.