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Grant will fund GED testing at BiblioTech library branches

Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Texas, Inc. (TMMTX) has awarded a \$20,000 grant to BiblioTech through the Hidalgo Foundation to provide GED testing services at the library branches. The funding will help provide equipment, supplies and personnel costs associated with proctoring and monitoring the Graduate Equivalency Degree testing at no charge to the test takers.

“Toyota has been a major contributor to the success of BiblioTech and all of our digital literacy and education efforts from Day One,” Hidalgo Foundation President Tracy Wolff said. “We are fortunate to have such a strong corporate citizen in Toyota.”

According to the 2014 U.S. Census Estimate, approximately 17.4 percent of Bexar County residents over the age of 25 did not graduate high school or receive a GED, which is higher than the national average of 14 percent. Not having a high school diploma or GED greatly reduces a person’s earning potential throughout life and lowers the probability of pursuing a higher education.

“This donation serves a multi-generational need within the community that connects GED certification with BiblioTech’s cutting-edge technology. This is just part of a strategy that we all need to support in order to educate the workforce of the future,” said Mario Lozoya, Director of Government Relations & External Affairs for TMMTX.

BiblioTech South on Pleasanton Road is a certified testing center and will begin the process of purchasing the equipment and certifying staff to serve as test proctors. In the future, all BiblioTech branches will serve as GED test sites.

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