



# City Council Memorandum

City of Arts & Innovation

**TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL      DATE: DECEMBER 6, 2022**  
**FROM: LIBRARY DEPARTMENT      WARD: ALL**  
**SUBJECT: ACCEPT A \$20,000 GRANT FROM THE CALIFORNIA STATE LIBRARY, LIBRARY SERVICES AND TECHNOLOGY ACT, TO SUPPORT THE RIVERSIDE READS 2023 PROJECT – SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION**

**ISSUE:**

Accept a \$20,000 grant from the California State Library, Library Services and Technology Act, to support the Riverside Public Library’s Riverside Reads 2023 project and appropriate funds in the same amount.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

That the City Council:

1. Accept a \$20,000 grant from the California State Library, Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) to support the Riverside Public Library’s Riverside Reads 2023 project;
2. With at least five affirmative votes, and upon receipt of the award, authorize the Chief Financial Officer, or designee, to record an increase in revenues and a supplemental appropriation in the amount of the grant award, in the Grants and Restricted Programs Fund, Riverside Reads Project revenue and expenditure accounts; and
3. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute all grant related documents, making minor and non-substantive changes as necessary.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Riverside Public Library actively pursues grant funding as an alternative funding source and/or supplement to City funds to enable unique program opportunities for the community. Grants offer valuable, unique opportunities for local jurisdictions to compete for funding sources available through, State, Federal, or other agencies to assist in covering the costs of selected projects.

On September 28, 2022, the Riverside Public Library was notified that the California State Library intends to award an LSTA 2022-23 CopyCat Grant to fund the Riverside Reads Project. CopyCat grants are intended to help libraries easily implement tried-and tested-programs and extend the impact of previously funded, successful LSTA projects.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Grant Program funds would support the Library’s efforts to engage with community partners to provide book-themed programming and related opportunities for lifelong learning. The Grant would be implemented by the Library’s Neighborhood Division. Participants in the Riverside Reads 2023, program will receive an autograph copy of the “Poppy in the Wild” by Teresa J. Rhyne. In this true account, the little beagle Poppy breaks free from a potential adopter during a torrential thunderstorm, and disappears into a rugged, mountainous, 1,500-acre wilderness park, bordered by a busy road. This wilderness area is Sycamore Canyon, in Riverside, CA.

A series of related programs and events will include a meet and greet in Sycamore Canyon, featuring the author, Poppy and her three beagle pals; a Mary S. Roberts and Riverside County Pet Adoption Center event; pet painting parties at all libraries; Poppy’s Scavenger Hunt at all libraries; a Docent-led nature walk at the Ameal Moore Nature Center in Sycamore Canyon, and several other events.

The Grant does not require the Library to provide matching funds. The project is anticipated to cost \$20,000 with no City match required. The grant term is through April 30, 2023.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The total fiscal impact of this action is \$20,000. Upon City Council approval, an increase of \$20,000, or in the amount of the grant award, will be recorded in revenue and an equal amount appropriated in the Grants and Restricted Programs Fund, Riverside Reads 2023 project, revenue account 9347400-334100 and expenditure account 9347400-440210. No city match of funds are required.

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Treasurer  
Approved by: Rafael Guzman, Assistant City Manager  
Approved as to form: Phaedra Norton, City Attorney

Attachment:

1. Award Letter
2. Grant Agreement and Compliance Certification Documents
3. Payment Claim Form