



*City of Arts & Innovation*

# City Council Memorandum

**TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL      DATE: OCTOBER 9, 2018**  
**FROM: RIVERSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY      WARDS: ALL**  
**SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA STATE LIBRARY TO REIMBURSE THE RIVERSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY IN AN AMOUNT UP TO \$10,000 FOR THE PURCHASE OF BILINGUAL BOOKS FOR CHILDREN – SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION**

**ISSUE:**

Accept a reimbursement from the California State Library to the Riverside Public Library in an amount up to \$10,000 for the purchase of bilingual books for children for the Library’s collection.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

That the City Council:

1. Accept a reimbursement from the California State Library in an amount up to \$10,000 for the purchase of bilingual books for children for the Library’s collection; and
2. Authorize an increase in the same amount to Library System account 0000722-225405 and appropriate expenditures in the same amount to Library Trust Funds account 5145000-450200 with an offset to General Fund revenues.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Riverside Public Library actively pursues grant or reimbursement funding as an alternative funding source and/or supplement to City funds to enable the purchase of library materials to enhance its collection for use by the public. Grants or reimbursements 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 select projects.

One reimbursement opportunity is the California Immigrant Alliance Project, funded through the Library Services and Technology Act, a federal program administered by the Institute for Museum and Library Services. Public libraries play a key role in welcoming and educating immigrants. The Immigrant Alliance Project was created to support libraries as they create, enhance, and extend services to immigrants and their families.

**DISCUSSION:**

Recognizing that California is home to more than 10 million immigrants (the latest available data from the California State Library shows that nearly 27% of California’s population is foreign born,

about twice the U.S. percentage overall), the California State Library, as part of its California Immigrant Alliance Project, approved to reimburse the Riverside Public Library in an amount up to \$10,000 when the Library purchases bilingual books for children.

Participating libraries will receive their funding from this project on a reimbursement basis. To qualify for reimbursement, purchases must be for bilingual books for pre-K through 6th grade, in English and another of the following languages: Arabic, Chinese, Farsi, Hindi, Khmer, Korean, Russian, Spanish, Tagalog, and Vietnamese, with an option to tailor purchases to meet the language needs of the community.

A robust children's bilingual book collection promotes family reading, literacy, and language skills. The books will become part of the Main Library collection. This collection will update and enhance the library's existing collection of children's bilingual books, which was last updated in August 2017 when the Library participated in a similar opportunity.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no general fund impact as receipts and a list of purchased bilingual books for children will be submitted directly to California State Library for reimbursement to the Riverside Public Library in an amount up to \$10,000. Funding to make the initial purchases is available in the Library Trust Funds account 5145000-450200.

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Attachment: Funding Opportunity Letter