



City of Arts & Innovation

Board of Library Trustees

TO: BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES **DATE: JULY 25, 2016**

FROM: RIVERSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY

SUBJECT: ACCEPT \$2,500 GRANT AWARD FROM RIVERSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY THROUGH A GRANT FROM STATER BROS. CHARITIES FOR THE VETERANS RESOURCE CENTER AT CASA BLANCA LIBRARY – 2985 MADISON STREET

ISSUE:

Formally accept grant award funds in the amount of \$2,500 (Attachment 1) that the Riverside Public Library Foundation secured from Stater Bros. Charities for the Veterans Resource Center at Casa Blanca Library at 2985 Madison Street.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board of Library Trustees accept the \$2,500 funds from Riverside Public Library Foundation through a grant from Stater Bros. Charities in support of establishing the Veterans Resource Center at the Casa Blanca Library.

BACKGROUND:

The Veterans Connect at the Library project assists California public libraries, in partnership with California Department of Veterans Affairs (CalVet), to connect veterans and their families to benefits and services for which they are eligible. Libraries in collaboration with community veteran service organizations, can positively impact the quality of life for veterans.

The focus of this project is to provide information to reintegrate California veterans into the California workforce and our communities in order to provide veterans the quality of life of other Americans.

The goals of this project are to:

1. Provide veteran benefits and local service information to veterans and family members, and links to other organizations serving veterans, especially local County Veteran Service Offices, CalVet and the Federal Veterans Administration.
2. Increase registered veterans in the CalVet Reintegration System.
3. Increase California veteran benefit claims.
4. Connect veterans and their families to library services.

On May 21, 2016, the Riverside Public Library opened the Veteran Resource Center in conjunction with the Home Front at Camp Anza at Arlanza Library. Home Front at Camp Anza is a new affordable community of 30 homes for Riverside veterans and their families.

DISCUSSION:

Every year Stater Bros. Charities provides grant funding to numerous local organizations that benefit the nation's veterans. The Riverside Public Library Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization, submitted a proposal to Stater Bros. for grant funds to establish a Veteran Resource Center at the Casa Blanca Library. Stater Bros. approved the proposal (Attachment 2) supporting the \$2,500 grant in support of the Veterans Resource Center located at Casa Blanca.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact associated with this report is the acceptance of \$2,500 to assigned Gift Fund Account Number 0000722-225405.

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Attachments:

1. Riverside Public Library Foundation Letter and Check
2. Grant Award Letter
3. Thank You Letter