



*City of Arts & Innovation*

# City Council Memorandum

**TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL**      **DATE: DECEMBER 6, 2022**  
**FROM: LIBRARY DEPARTMENT**      **WARD: ALL**  
**SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF A \$20,000 GRANT FROM THE CALIFORNIA STATE LIBRARY, LIBRARY SERVICES AND TECHNOLOGY ACT TO SUPPORT THE DÍA DE LOS NIÑOS PROJECT – SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION**

## **ISSUE:**

Accept a \$20,000 grant from the California State Library, Library Services and Technology Act for the Riverside Public Library's Día de los Niños project and appropriate expenditures in the same amount.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

That the City Council:

1. Accept an award of \$20,000 from the California State Library, Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funds for the Riverside Public Library's Día de los Niños project;
2. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to submit the name of grant application, accept awards, certificates etc. and make minor and non-substantive changes in documents associated with the grant application;
3. With at least five affirmative votes, and upon receipt of the award, authorize the Chief Financial Officer, or designee, to record an increase in revenue and a supplemental appropriation in the amount of the grant award in the Grants and Restricted Programs Fund, Día de los Niños program revenue and expenditure accounts; and
4. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute all applicable grant documents for the above funding, making non-substantive changes as needed.

## **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 intended to award \$20,000 in 2022-23 LSTA CopyCat Grant to fund the Día de los Niños Project. CopyCat grants are intended to help libraries easily implement tried-and tested-programs and extend the impact of previously funded, successful LTSA projects.

## **DISCUSSION:**

Día de los Niños (or “Día”) is a celebration every day of children, families, and reading that culminates yearly, typically on April 30th. Día is celebrated in libraries in states across the country as it emphasizes the importance of literacy for children of all linguistic and cultural backgrounds and is a nationally recognized initiative of the American Library Association. Situated in the most populous and one of the most diverse states in the country, California’s local libraries are uniquely positioned as cultural meeting spaces to offer Día programs that serve the needs of their multicultural and multilingual communities.

The Grant Program funds would support the Riverside Library’s efforts to engage with community partners by utilizing the eight library locations to host a series of programming throughout April 2023 to celebrate Día de los Niños with the emphasis on multiple cultures, heritage, families, children, and literacy.

The purpose of the Grant is to celebrate children and connect them to the world of learning through books, stories, and libraries; recognize and respect culture, heritage, and language as powerful tools for strengthening families and communities; nurture cognitive and literacy development in ways that honor and embrace a child’s home language and culture, and introduce families to community resources that provide opportunities for learning through multiple literacies

This Grant does not require the Library to provide matching funds. The project is anticipated to cost \$20,000 and the Grant would cover \$20,000 in materials and program costs. The grant term is through April 30, 2023.

## **STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:**

The item presented in this report contribute to the following Strategic Priority No. 1 *Arts, Culture and Recreation* and Goal No. 1.1 - Strengthen Riverside’s portfolio of arts, culture, recreation, senior and lifelong learning programs and amenities through expanded community partnerships, shared use opportunities and fund development.

The item aligns with each of the five Cross-Cutting Threads as follows:

1. **Community Trust** – Grant funding provided by the California State Library Grant builds with community trust by minimizing the expenditure of City funds through community partnership and involving the community to encourage or enhance communication.
2. **Equity** - This item aligns with equity by facilitating equitable distribution of library services and resources to every member of the community.
3. **Fiscal Responsibility** – The California State Library Grant aligns with fiscal responsibility as the community would benefit by accepting this award with no financial implications to the City other than in-kind contributions of staff time.

4. **Innovation** - This item aligns with innovation by continuing partnership with the California State Library.
5. **Sustainability & Resiliency** - This item aligns with sustainability & resiliency by potentially providing fund development opportunity.

**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 the Grants and Restricted Programs Fund, Día de los Niños project, revenue account 9347300-334100 and an appropriation in an equal amount will be recorded in expenditure account 9347300-440210. No city match funds are required.

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availability of funds: Edward Enriquez, Interim Assistant City Manager/Chief Financial Officer  
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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