



# Board of Library Trustees

City of Arts & Innovation

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**TO: BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES**  
**FROM: LIBRARY**  
**SUBJECT: 2023 LIBRARY GRANTS OVERVIEW**

**DATE: JUNE 10, 2024**  
**WARDS: ALL**

**ISSUE:**

Receive a 2023 Library grants overview.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Board of Library Trustees receive an overview of the 2023 Library grants.

**BACKGROUND:**

On March 19, 2024, the City Council received the annual report for calendar year 2023 citywide grant activities.

**DISCUSSION:**

The grants received in calendar year 2023 by the Library produced a record amount of awarded funding applications. The Library received \$14,754,460 in grant funding compared to \$174,000 in 2022. The total funded competitive applications are detailed below.

| Grant Title  | Ward/Citywide     | Match Amount                    | Grant Amount |
|--|-------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|
| State Targeted Grant for New SPC Jesus S. Duran Eastside Library   | Ward 1            | No match                        | \$4,500,000  |
| California State Library Building Forward Library Facilities Improvement Round 2 New SPC Jesus S. Duran Eastside Library | Ward 1            | 25% local match (\$2.5 million) | \$10,000,000 |
| California State Library Building Forward Library Facilities Improvement to Orange Terrace, Arlanza, and Arlington       | Ward 6 and Ward 7 | 50% local match (\$25,703)      | \$51,406     |
| California State Library California Humanities Library Innovation Lab  | Ward 2            | No match                        | \$5,000      |
| California State Library Lunch at the Library  | Citywide          | No match                        | \$47,785     |

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| California State Library State Park Pass Program Round 2 | Citywide | No match | \$75,000            |
| California State Library Zip Books Program               | Citywide | No match | \$28,057            |
| California State Library Adult and Family Literacy       | Citywide | No match | \$47,212            |
| <b>Total</b>   |          |          | <b>\$14,754,460</b> |

Grant funded programs have real impacts for patrons utilizing Library services. Expanded lending capacity for the library, serving an additional 1,567 patrons who ordered 1,801 interlibrary loan items was made possible by grant funding.

**STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:**

This item aligns the Envision Riverside 2025 Strategic Plan as providing, “High Performing Government,” especially Goal 5.4 to maintain fiscal health by addressing gaps between revenues and expenditures.

This report also aligns with the five cross-cutting threads:

1. **Community Trust** – Building grant capacity will serve the public interest by potentially expanding programs and completing projects with external funding; benefiting the City’s diverse populations, and resulting in greater public good.
2. **Equity** – Outside funding can be used to allow the Library to be creative and competitive for grants, resulting in a more equitable distribution of funding opportunity that can reach populations citywide.
3. **Fiscal Responsibility** – The Library maximized outcomes in usage of grant funds as a way to lessen pressure on the General fund and other limited resources. These grants also help to leverage existing dollars committed to projects and programs.
4. **Innovation** – This funding provides the Library with the ability to create an innovative program for building capacity with the result in receiving greater external funding.
5. **Sustainability & Resiliency** – Riverside builds capacity to allow more departments to apply for grants, and compete for funding that allows the City to adaptively address resident needs.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report. Grant applications were brought to the City Council separately for consideration.

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