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# Board of Library Trustees

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**TO: BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES** **DATE: SEPTEMBER 25, 2017**

**FROM: RIVERSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA STATE LIBRARY GRANT FUNDING FOR ADULT LITERACY PROGRAMS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-18**

## **ISSUE:**

Receive an update on grant award from the California State Library in the amount of \$18,000, per capita and match on local funds for adult literacy programs.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Board of Library Trustees receive and file this update on the California State Library grant funding for Adult Literacy Programs for fiscal year 2017-18.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The recently signed state budget continues California Library Literacy Services funding at \$4.82 million, a \$2 million increase over the funding level two years ago. Applications for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 were being accepted for a baseline amount of \$18,000 for the Riverside Public Library adult literacy program; a per capita amount; and match on local funds raised and expended for adult literacy services.

## **DISCUSSION:**

The Riverside Public Library submitted a grant application to the California State Library for a California Library Literacy Services grant for adult literacy programs in the amount of \$18,000.

On August 1, 2017, the California State Library approved the Library's application and awarded \$18,000 (attached); a per capita amount per adult learner served in the previous year; and a match on local funds raised and expended for adult literacy services. Once the attached claim form is signed and reports are submitted to the State Library, final payment will be made to the Riverside Public Library. Grant funds will be used for materials and programs in support of tutors and learners in the program.

Riverside Public Library's Adult Literacy Program trains volunteers to provide independent learning opportunities to adults who want to improve their reading, writing and technology skills

through one-on-one and group tutoring. The literacy program changes peoples' lives through enhancement of the skills that lead to self-sufficiency.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Upon City Council approval, the total grant funds received from the California State Library for adult literacy programs is \$18,000, a final payment per capita, and match on local funds for Fiscal Year 2017-2018. All required matching funds (\$18,000) for Fiscal Year 2017/2018 are included in the Library's operating budget as part of its regular programming.

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Attachment: Award and Claim Form