



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL **DATE: OCTOBER 24, 2017**

FROM: LIBRARY DEPARTMENT **WARD: 7**

SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA STATE LIBRARY AWARDS 2017-2018 GRANT "MAXIMIZING LEARNING SPACES OR HOW TO MACGYVER YOUR LIBRARY" PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000 – LA SIERRA LIBRARY - SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

ISSUES:

Approve grant award in the amount of \$5,000 from California State Library, for "Maximizing Learning Spaces or How to MacGyver Your Library" Project at La Sierra Library, 4600 La Sierra Ave.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Accept \$5,000 grant award from the California State Library for Maximizing Learning Spaces or How to MacGyver Your Library project at La Sierra Library;
2. Upon grant award, authorize an increase in estimated revenues in the amount of \$5,000 and appropriate expenditures in the same amount into a project account to be established by Finance Department for the California State Library "Maximizing Learning Spaces or How to MacGyver Your Library" Project; and
3. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to make non-substantive changes and execute all grant documents.

BACKGROUND:

The Riverside Public Library submitted an application to the California State Library to participate in "Maximizing Learning Spaces or How to MacGyver Your Library" project. The project submitted was to enhance the children and teen spaces at the La Sierra Library. The La Sierra Library is the only Riverside Public Library location without space dedicated to interactive learning for these age groups. Participation in this project will enable La Sierra Library to create a more welcoming space for customers and to better meet the needs of families with toddlers, school aged youth, and teens. Transforming the library into a space for children and teens to discover, study, play and innovate, will inspire children of all ages to be lifelong seekers and sharers of information.

DISCUSSION:

On August 31, 2017, the Riverside Public Library was selected to participate in “Maximizing Learning Spaces or How to MacGyver Your Library” project. The project includes the expertise of a professional design consultant that will develop a plan to better utilize the Children and Teen spaces at the La Sierra Library. The Library will receive \$5,000 toward the purchase of movable furniture or materials that will support and enhance the new design. Staff will engage children and caregivers following regularly scheduled early learning programs to determine their desires in the new space, especially as it relates to seating and interactive learning elements. Elements currently being considered for the children’s space are comfy seating options for children and caregivers, interactive learning panels, educational/sensory rugs, and shelving that allows for books to be displayed face out. Staff is considering partitions to better define study space, modular chairs with desk tables for teens, bar height seating for group work and modern lighting fixtures and décor.

The grant term is for one year beginning on August 31, 2017 through August 31, 2018.

The grant funds support the Library’s efforts to provide an enriching cultural and learning center for customers of all ages.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total grant award is \$5,000 and will cover the costs associated with the purchase of movable furniture or materials for Fiscal Year 2017/18. No matching City funds required.

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Attachments:

1. Award Letter
2. Presentation