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# Board of Library Trustees

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**TO: BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

**DATE: JANUARY 22, 2017**

**FROM: RIVERSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**SUBJECT: UPDATE OF \$27,450 GRANT AWARD FROM CALIFORNIA STATE LIBRARY FOR LIBRARIES ILLUMINATED PROJECT FUNDING THROUGH CALIFORNIA LIBRARY SERVICES ACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF LAPTOPSANYTIME 12 BAY HOST LAPTOP KIOSK AT MAIN LIBRARY**

## **ISSUE:**

The California State Library awarded a \$27,450 grant to the Riverside Public Library for the purchase of an automated laptop checkout machine kiosk at the Main Library.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Board of Library Trustees receive and file the update.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The Riverside Public Library submitted a grant application to the California State Library for the Libraries Illuminated project (Project) funded by the California Library Services Act for an automated laptop checkout machine at the Main Library.

The Project helps California public libraries make software and hardware improvements to maximize benefits to patrons as they access new high-speed broadband connections and utilize non-broadband Internet connections. Technology can be used in a variety of ways to create rich learning and community building experiences for adults, teens, and children and their families.

## **DISCUSSION:**

On November 14, 2017, the California State Library awarded \$27,450 in grant funds to the Riverside Public Library. The funding is contingent upon a signed agreement with the Southern California Library Cooperative, the administrative and fiscal agent for this Project. The Library will use Gift funds to pay for costs above and beyond what is covered by grant funds. The match in the amount of \$20,140.50 and in-kind contributions for staff 70 staff hours is available within the Library Department's budget and funding assistance from the Riverside Public Library Foundation.

The grant and match will pay for a 12-Bay LaptopsAnytime Laptop Kiosk, 12 laptops, an initial Service Contract that covers the cost of shipping, branding, and 1 year of kiosk maintenance. An additional Platinum Plus contract is also included and will allow for free shipping and a free upgrade of the kiosk every three years to work with new technology. The kiosk allows for automated checkout of laptops for library customers.

The Kiosk will serve the community through the Main Library, which is currently outfitted with a 12-seat computer lab with outdated computers. The lab is closed when staffing is at minimum levels, preventing the community from having access to technology and the Internet. Offering the Laptop Kiosk will provide the community with self-service, anytime access to updated equipment. Customers would only need a library card, which is available free of charge. Additionally, the footprint of the Laptop Kiosk is significantly smaller than that of 12 hardwired desktops, which could free up useful space for other library needs.

The grant is effective immediately upon City Council approval and ends December 31, 2018.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this update.

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Attachment: Grant Award Letter