



City of Arts & Innovation

Board of Library Trustees

TO: BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES **DATE: JULY 23, 2018**

FROM: RIVERSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY

SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA STATE LIBRARY TO REIMBURSE \$10,000 TO THE RIVERSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR THE PURCHASE OF BILINGUAL BOOKS FOR CHILDREN

ISSUE:

Receive an update on the reimbursement of \$10,000 from the California State Library to the Riverside Public Library for bilingual books for children for the Library's collection.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Library Trustees receive and file this update on the reimbursement of \$10,000 from the California State Library to the Riverside Public Library for bilingual books for children for the Library's collection.

BACKGROUND:

California is home to more than 10 million immigrants. The latest available data shows that nearly 27% of California's population are foreign born, approximately twice the U.S. percentage overall. Public libraries play a key role in welcoming and educating immigrants. Recognizing the need to offer bilingual reading materials in public libraries, the California State Library, as part of its California Immigrant Alliance Project, approved to reimburse the Riverside Public Library with \$10,000 when the Library purchases bilingual books for children.

This funding opportunity is part of the California Immigrant Alliance Project, funded through the Library Services and Technology Act, a federal program administered by the Institute for Museum and Library Services. The Immigrant Alliance Project was created to support libraries as they create, enhance, and extend services to immigrants and their families.

DISCUSSION:

Participating libraries receive funding from this project on a reimbursement basis. To qualify for reimbursement, purchases must be for bilingual books for pre-K through 6th grade, in English and another foreign language such as Arabic, Chinese, Farsi, Hindi, Khmer, Korean, Russian,

Spanish, Tagalog, and Vietnamese, with an option to tailor purchases to meet the language needs of the community.

A robust children's bilingual books collection promotes family reading, literacy, and language skills. The books will become part of the Main Library collection. This collection will update and enhance the library's collection of children's bilingual books. The Library participated in a similar opportunity in August 2017.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action, as receipts and lists of purchased bilingual books for children will be submitted directly to California State Library for reimbursement to the Riverside Public Library in the amount of \$10,000.

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Attachment: Participation Agreement