



City of Arts & Innovation

Board of Library Trustees

TO: BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

DATE: FEBRUARY 25, 2019

FROM: RIVERSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY

SUBJECT: GRANT AWARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,723 FROM CALIFORNIA STATE LIBRARY FOR LIBRARIES ILLUMINATED PROJECT FUNDING THROUGH CALIFORNIA LIBRARY SERVICES ACT FOR THE REMODEL OF THE STUDY ROOM AT LA SIERRA LIBRARY - UPDATE

ISSUE:

Receive and file an update on a grant award in the amount of \$7,723 from the California State Library for the Libraries Illuminated Project Funding through the California Library Services Act for the remodel of the study room at La Sierra Library.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Library Trustees Receive and file an update on a grant award in the amount of \$7,723 from the California State Library for the Libraries Illuminated Project Funding through the California Library Services Act for the remodel of the study room at La Sierra Library.

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 to upgrade study rooms at all Library locations.

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 December 11, 2018, the California State Library awarded \$5,000 in grant funds to the Riverside Public Library for the Libraries Illuminated Project. On January 29, 2019, the California State Library awarded an additional \$2,723 in grant funds to the Riverside Public Library for the Project. The funding is contingent upon a signed agreement with the Southern California Library

Cooperative, the administrative and fiscal agent for this Project and submission of a revised application. The Library will use Gift funds to pay for costs above and beyond what is covered by grant funds. In-kind contributions for staff time necessary for the project is available within the Library Department's budget.

The grant will pay for an upgrade to the Study Room at the La Sierra Library. This upgrade will include a new table and chairs, a white board, design and installation of branded vinyl wall wrap, a laptop and video conferencing equipment. Staff will also offer one class on how to successfully interview with Skype aimed at those looking for work or needing interview assistance.

By providing more business friendly spaces with dedicated laptops that have Skype access, the Library will be able to increase the customer base and encourage current non-users to use the Library space. It will also show the relevance of the Library to customers who do not often use the Library. The La Sierra Library was selected for this initial upgrade as there are less options for meeting space for businesses and individuals than other parts of the community. Staff hope this project will lead to funding opportunities with the Riverside Public Library Foundation and other grantors to upgrade all Riverside Public Library study rooms.

The grant is effective immediately with Department Head approval and ends March 31, 2019.

The \$5,000 grant award is subject to the approval of the City Council on February 12, 2019.

The \$2,723 grant award is subject to the approval of the City Council on February 26, 2019.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact of the grant award is \$7,723 and will cover the costs associated with the study room renovation project. No matching City funds are required. In-kind contributions for staff time necessary for the project is available within the Library Department's budget. Upon City Council approval, there will be an increase in estimated revenues in the amount of \$7,723 in State Operating Grants account number 9336700102-33410000 and appropriate expenditures in the same amount into Libraries Illuminated project account 9336700102-44021000.

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Certified as to

Availability of funds: Edward Enriquez, Chief Financial Officer/City Treasurer

Approved by: Lea Deesing, Assistant City Manager

Attachment:

1. Grant Award Letter dated December 11, 2018 for the initial \$5,000 award
2. Request for Payment advising of the additional \$2,723 awarded in grant funding