



City of Arts & Innovation

Board of Library Trustees

TO: BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

DATE: AUGUST 26, 2019

FROM: RIVERSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY

SUBJECT: GRANT FUNDS AWARDED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24,480 FROM CALIFORNIA STATE LIBRARY, LIBRARY SERVICES AND TECHNOLOGY ACT, FOR EXPERIENTIAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT: RIVERSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY AND RIVERSIDE AT WORK PROJECT - UPDATE

ISSUE:

Receive and file this update on the grant funds awarded in the amount of \$24,480 from the California State Library, Library Services and Technology Act for the Riverside Public Library's Experiential Workforce Development: Riverside at Work Project.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Library Trustees receive and file this update on the grant funds awarded in the amount of \$24,480 from the California State Library, Library Services and Technology Act for the Riverside Public Library's Experiential Workforce Development: Riverside at Work Project.

BACKGROUND:

The Riverside Public Library actively pursues grant funding as an alternative funding source and/or supplement to City funds to enable unique program opportunities for the community. Grants offer valuable, one of a kind opportunities for local jurisdictions to compete for funding sources available through, State, Federal, or other agencies to assist in covering the costs of selected projects.

On February 26, 2019, the Riverside Public Library submitted a competitive grant application to the California State Library for the Experiential Workforce Development: Riverside at Work Project for a total of \$24,480 in federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funds. The LSTA is the only federal program exclusively for libraries. It is administered by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). State libraries use the funds to support statewide initiatives and distribute the funds through sub grants or cooperative agreements to public, school, academic, research, and special libraries.

The project will provide funding for salary, wages and benefits, not to exceed the amount of \$24,480, to provide basic workforce development training for two (2) formerly unhoused individuals through the City's Riverside at Work program (RAW). RAW seeks to address

homelessness by utilizing partnerships between City departments and key stakeholders to provide vocational training, employment, and other critical services and resources to the homeless population. The hours of work per week per participants is 19 hours in a non-benefited position.

On August 20, 2019, the City Council will receive a staff report requesting that they accept the grant funds in the amount of \$24,480 and authorize a supplemental appropriation.

DISCUSSION:

Experiential Workforce Development: Riverside at Work Project will address the need for increased workforce development in the City of Riverside. The Riverside Public Library will hire two (2) participants through the Riverside at Work Program (RAW) to provide on the job training for unhoused community members; provide programs and lend Library materials to community members to improve their skills and increase their ability to find work; and create a basic resource guide for job seekers. The selected participants will assist the Library with basic general services work which may include janitorial work, power washing exterior entrances, and basic maintenance. These individuals will work at the Main Library and may assist with the transition to the new Main Library.

Participants in the RAW program will be provided housing by the Office of Homeless Solutions. According to the RAW program all participants will be provided an orientation, workforce development boot camp, a second workforce development boot camp administered by Goodwill and case management by the Office of Homeless solutions.

The Director of Human Resources and the Interim Director of Office of Homeless Solutions concur with this report.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The California State Library will provide payment to cover participant's salary expenditures incurred by the Riverside Public Library for the project in the following manner:

Disbursement Description	Amount
Upon execution of the certification agreement and submission of claim by fiscal agent	\$11,016
On or about October 30, 2019	\$11,016
On the submission of all reporting and return of funds	\$ 2,448
Total	\$24,480

The grant term is from July 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020.

There will be no fiscal impact to the General Fund.

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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: Award Letter