



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: AUGUST 4, 2020

FROM: LIBRARY DEPARTMENT WARDS: ALL

SUBJECT: GRANT AWARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000 FROM THE CALIFORNIA CARES HUMANITIES RELIEF PROGRAM – SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

ISSUES:

Approve the acceptance of grant funding in the amount of \$15,000 from the California Cares Humanities Relief Program and authorize a supplemental appropriation in the same amount.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Approve the acceptance of grant funding in the amount of \$15,000 from the California Cares Humanities Relief Program to supplement adult programming and provide online programs for the community;
2. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute grant documents with California Humanities, including making minor and non-substantive changes; and
3. Authorize an increase in revenue in the amount of \$15,000 and appropriate expenditures of the same amount to the Library California Cares Humanities Relief Grant Account.

BACKGROUND:

The Riverside Public Library actively pursues grant funding as an alternative funding source and/or supplement to City funds to enable the purchase of library materials to enhance its collection for use by the public. Grants offer valuable, unique opportunities for local jurisdictions to compete for funding sources available through, State, Federal, or other agencies to assist in covering the costs of select projects.

DISCUSSION:

On June 15, 2020, Library Staff submitted an online application for a grant opportunity from the California Humanities which offered funding to support organizations that have experienced the cancellation of their public humanities activities due to a decrease or loss of revenue, cancellation

of programming opportunities, loss of paid staff, or venues as a result of COVID-19. Applicants can request between \$5,000 and \$20,000 in general operating support. Matching funds are not required but award funds may be used to supplement (or match) resources (cash and/or in-kind) received from other sources.

On July 1, 2020, the California Humanities notified staff that the Riverside Public Library was awarded the grant from the California Cares Humanities Relief Grant in the amount of \$15,000. The grant period is from July 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020.

Funding from the California Cares Relief Grant will provide a series of adult programs entitled Humanities Hour. Humanities Hour is a series of classes the Library will provide for adults to connect with arts, culture, and writing through an online platform. Upon City Council approval, the Library will contract with three (3) local non-profit organizations that support various subsets of humanities programming in the Riverside community.

Funds for Humanities Hour will also be used to expand the digital offerings the Riverside Public Library provides the adult community in humanities related topics to reach adults who may not participate in the classes. These funds will allow for an enhanced collection in areas such as writing, culture, art, history, language, philosophy, and religion. Additionally, access to a new database that addresses areas related to the humanities will be provided to the community. The following table includes the Humanities Hour Budget.

Humanities Hour Online Classes	
Description	Amount
Programs from Non-Profit(s)	\$4,500
Digital Content: E-Books	\$7,500
Digital Content: Database	\$3,000
Total	\$15,000

In accordance with the City Grant Administration Policy 01.006.00, the Department Director evaluated the award to determine the benefit to the customers of the City's Library, long and short-term financial implications, feasibility and compatibility with existing City priorities/goals and services, and determined the community and City would benefit with accepting this grant.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total grant award is \$15,000 for Fiscal Year 2020/21. Upon approval, an increase in revenue in the amount of \$15,000 will be made to revenue account 9342200-334100 and an increase in expenditures in the same amount will be made to the Library California Cares Humanities Relief Grant Account No. 9342200-440210.

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Attachment: Award Letter