



Board of Library Trustees

City of Arts & Innovation

TO: BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

DATE: NOVEMBER 9, 2020

FROM: RIVERSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY

SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA STATE LIBRARY PROVIDES SUBSCRIPTIONS TO JOBNOW AND VETNOW FOR CALIFORNIA PUBLIC LIBRARIES THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2022 FROM CARES ACT FUNDS VALUED AT \$23,600

ISSUE:

Receive an update on the California State Library use of CARES Act funds to purchase JobNow and VetNow subscriptions for all public libraries in California through August 31, 2022 valued at \$23,600.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Library Trustees receive an update on the California State Library use of CARES Act funds to purchase JobNow and VetNow subscriptions for all public libraries in California through August 31, 2022 valued at \$23,600.

BACKGROUND:

The California State Library has used CARES Act funds to purchase JobNow and VetNow for all public libraries in California in order to support the economic recovery effort. This subscription is good through August 31, 2022. Training modules, marketing support, and monthly analytics/stats are included in the package.

Since 2011, the California Department of Veterans Affairs and the California State Library have partnered to create Veteran Resource Centers in public libraries to educate veterans about their benefits and direct them to their local County Veteran Service Offices to file claims.

The spread of COVID-19 demands a new service paradigm for libraries. JobNow and VetNow is a workforce product that provide individual coaching and live appointments, as well as support for Veterans in job seeking and help with researching earned benefits. The Brainfuse products, JobNow and VetNow, offer these elements, especially the in-person support, and will be part of public libraries' toolkits in support of economic recovery for the next two years.

DISCUSSION:

On September 16, 2020, Library staff received notification from the California State Library that subscriptions to JobNow and VetNow would be available to all public libraries in California through August 31, 2022. The estimated value of the subscriptions is \$23,600.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact is the estimated value of the two-year subscription of \$23,600. The subscription is purchased by the California State Library from CARES Act funds. There is no direct financial impact to the General Fund.

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