



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 AWARDED \$55,824 TO RIVERSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR ADULT AND FAMILY LITERACY PROGRAMS

ISSUE:

Receive an update on the grant award of \$55,824 from the California State Library for the Riverside Public Library Adult and Family Literacy Programs.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Library Trustees receive the update of the grant award of \$55,824 from the California State Library for the Riverside Public Library Adult and Family Literacy Programs.

BACKGROUND:

The Riverside Public Library's Adult Literacy Program trains volunteers to provide independent learning opportunities to adults in the Riverside community who want to improve their reading, writing and technology skills through one-on-one and group tutoring. The literacy program changes peoples' lives through enhancement of skills that lead to self-sufficiency.

The recently signed state budget provides \$4.82 million and \$2.5 million for family literacy. Grant applications for Fiscal Year 2020/21 were accepted by the California State Library for a baseline amount of \$20,000 for the Riverside Public Library Literacy Program.

DISCUSSION:

The Riverside Public Library submitted a grant application to the California State Library for a California Library Literacy Services grant for the Adult and Family Literacy Program in the amount of \$55,824.

On August 26, 2020, the California State Library approved the Library's grant application and awarded a base level first installment of \$55,824 (\$28,824 for Adult Literacy Services and \$27,000 for Family Literacy Services). The second payment installment is based on a per capita amount of adult and family learners served during the prior year, combined with a match of the

amount of local funds raised and expended on the literacy program in the prior year by the library jurisdiction. The California State Library and California Library Literacy Services have not yet determined what the full amount of the second installment will be for fiscal year 2020-2021. Once the attached claim form is signed and reports are submitted to the State Library, final payment will be made to the Riverside Public Library. Grant funds will be used for materials and programs in support of tutors and learners in the program.

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 by accepting this award. The City Council’s role and responsibility is to approve appropriation of funds for all grant awards and will be subject to the City Council’s approval on October 20, 2020.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund associated with this report. All required matching funds for Fiscal Year 2020/21 are provided through in-kind contributions of staff time and are included in the Library’s operating budget as part of its regular programming.

Upon City Council approval, an increase in estimated revenues was made for the total amount awarded to the Grants and Restricted Programs Fund grant revenue accounts listed below and an appropriation in the same amount was made to the Grants and Restricted Programs Fund grant expenditure accounts listed below.

Name	Revenue Account No.	Expenditure Account No.	Amount
California State Library Literacy 20/21	9342700102-33410000	9342700102-44021000 9342700102-42680000	\$28,824
Family Literacy 20/21	9342600102-33410000	9342600102-44021000	\$27,000

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Attachment: Award Letter