



*City of Arts & Innovation*

# Board of Library Trustees

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**TO: BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

**DATE: NOVEMBER 9, 2020**

**FROM: RIVERSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**SUBJECT: DISTANCE LEARNING CARES ACT UPDATE**

**ISSUE:**

Receive and file an update on Distance Learning CARES Act.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Board of Library Trustees receive and file the update on Distance Learning CARES Act.

**BACKGROUND:**

On March 27, 2020, President Trump signed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act into law to provide emergency appropriations during the Coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19). CARES Act funding directed to cities are to be used toward homelessness, public health, public safety, and other services to combat the COVID-19 pandemic. Funds may be allocated to offset or reduce non-budgeted General Fund appropriations that were made to support the COVID-19 response between March 1, 2020, and December 30, 2020.

On July 21, 2020, the City Council considered a proposed expenditure plan for Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding from the State of California. Final consideration of the expenditure plan of \$27,991,888 was approved unanimously by the City Council on August 4, 2020.

**DISCUSSION:**

In the approved CARES Act expenditure plan, \$2,133,747 was allocated for Distance Learning. The Library Department, Community & Economic Development Department and Parks Recreation and Community Service partnered together to realize programs that would benefit the community. The Library Department developed the following programs to benefit the Library Community.

1. Provide free printing for students - \$20,000 allocated
2. Increased exterior Wifi access at Libraries - \$21,474 allocated

3. Storytime participation kits include egg shakers, scarves, bubble for Pre-K to enhance participation in digital storytimes for 800 families - \$5,000 allocated
4. School supplies kits to assist 400 students in distance learning - \$40,000 allocated
5. Provide 250 iPads for the Community to checkout - \$175,000 allocated
6. Access Points at Arlanza for Learning Center Access – \$2,132 allocated

Additionally, the Library has partnered with the following organizations to support their distance learning efforts.

1. Riverside Unified School District—Hotspots for students--\$208,300 allocated
2. Alvord Unified School District—Hotspots for students--\$85,231.76 allocated
3. Osher Life Long Learning—75 scholarships for seniors to participate--\$10,875 allocated
4. Riverside Community College District—adult learning support--\$10,000 allocated
5. Big Brothers and Big Sisters—direct student support –\$188,662 allocated
6. California School for the Deaf, Riverside—early learning programs \$23,000 allocated

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no financial impact to the General Fund. Source of funding comes from the CARES Act funding in the amount of \$2,133,747.

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