



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: FEBRUARY 9, 2021

FROM: RIVERSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY WARDS: ALL

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

ISSUE:

Accept two-year subscriptions to JobNow and VetNow from California State Library Cares Act Funds through August 31, 2022.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council accept subscriptions valued at \$23,600 to JobNow and VetNow from California State Library Cares Act Funds.

BOARD RECOMMENDATION:

On November 9, 2020, the Board of Library Trustees received an update on the California State Library Cares Act Funds for subscriptions to JobNow and VetNow for the Riverside Public Library. The Board of Library Trustees with all members present received the update and no action was taken.

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 subscription 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 benefits and direct them to 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 provides 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, including the in-person support program component, 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 CARES Act funds.

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