



City of Arts & Innovation

Board of Library Trustees

TO: BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES **DATE: MAY 10, 2021**

FROM: RIVERSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY **WARDS: ALL**

SUBJECT: GRANT AWARD FROM THE LIBRARY SERVICES AND TECHNOLOGY ACT FOR VIRTUAL YOUTH PROGRAMMING FOR THE READING AND WRITING PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,790 FOR SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS UPDATE

ISSUE:

Receive an update on the grant award from the Library Services and Technology Act for Virtual Youth Programming for the Reading and Writing Project in the amount of \$11,790 for the Library to purchase supplies and materials.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Library receive an update on the grant award from the Library Services and Technology Act for Virtual Youth Programming for the Reading and Writing Project in the amount of \$11,790 for the Library to purchase supplies and materials.

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.

The Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) is the only federal program exclusively for libraries. It is administered by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). State libraries use the funds to support statewide initiatives and also distribute the funds through subgrants or cooperative agreements to public, school, academic, research, and special libraries.

DISCUSSION:

On March 17, 2021, the Riverside Public Library was awarded the LSTA-funded Reading and Writing Project for supplies and materials (Attachment). This grant is for the Library to purchase

technology necessary to host virtual programs. All grant funding (\$11,790) will need to be spent by the Library by August 31, 2021.

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.

On April 27, 2021, the City Council was scheduled to accept the award.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Upon City Council approval, the Riverside Public Library will receive funding in the amount of \$11,790 for Virtual Youth Programming for the Reading and Writing Project from the Library Services and Technology Act, recognizing revenue and appropriating expenditures in the same amount, with a net zero impact to the General Fund for FY20/21.

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Attachment: Award Letter