



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: MAY 11, 2021

FROM: LIBRARY DEPARTMENT WARDS: ALL

SUBJECT: GRANT AWARD FROM THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA LIBRARY COOPERATIVE AND THE CALIFORNIA STATE LIBRARY FOR 70 HOTSPOTS VALUED AT \$14,000

ISSUES:

Accept a grant award from the Southern California Library Cooperative and the California State Library for 70 hotspots valued at \$14,000.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council accept a grant award from the Southern California Library Cooperative and the California State Library for 70 hotspots valued at \$14,000.

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.

DISCUSSION:

On April 1, 2021, the Riverside Public Library was notified that it was eligible for \$14,000 in funding to acquire Chromebooks, hotspots, and data plans to help bridge your community's digital divide. The Southern California Library Cooperative (SCLC) and the State Library are partnering together to bring this opportunity to all CIPA compliant California Libraries. Libraries can choose to acquire the Chromebooks and data-enabled hotspots locally and request reimbursement, have SCLC purchase the units and have them shipped to their location, or a combination of the two.

The Riverside Public Library, in concurrence with the Chief Innovation Officer, determined that the best option for the library is have SCLC purchase the hotspots and ship to the library. These hotspots will be loaned out by the library to the public. The City is not providing any service and the City's network will not be impacted.

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.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Fiscal Impact of the grant award is approximately \$14,000. The grant award from the Southern California Library Cooperative and the California State Library consists of 70 hotspots with an approximate value of \$14,000, at no cost to the Riverside Public Library.

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Attachment: Award Letter