



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: NOVEMBER 16, 2021

FROM: LIBRARY DEPARTMENT WARDS: ALL

SUBJECT: GRANT AWARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000 FROM THE CALIFORNIA HUMANITIES RELIEF PROGRAM - SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

ISSUE:

Approve the acceptance of grant funding in the amount of \$20,000 from the California Humanities Relief Program.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Approve the acceptance of grant funding in the amount of \$20,000 from California Humanities Relief Program for Fiscal Year 2021/22;
2. With five affirmative votes, authorize an increase in revenue in the amount of \$20,000 and appropriate expenditures of the same amount to the Grants and Restricted Programs Fund, Library California Humanities Relief Grant Accounts; and
3. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute grant documents with California Humanities, including making minor and non-substantive changes.

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 September 3, 2021, Library Staff submitted an online application for a grant opportunity from the California Humanities for support to organizations for funds lost over the COVID 19 pandemic.

On October 12, 2021, the California Humanities notified staff that the Riverside Public Library was awarded the grant from the California Humanities Relief Grant in the amount of \$20,000. Funding for this grant has been provided by the National Endowment for the Humanities as part of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. The grant period is from November 1, 2021 to April 30, 2022. Grant funds are only applicable during the award period.

Upon Council approval, Staff are specifically considering to allocate the funding for: 1) Software and hardware costs for the digitization of the local newspaper The Press Enterprise; 2) Five offerings of a poetry writing series lead by a local poet/artist specifically for youth that focuses on resiliency and overcoming hardship as experienced over the last year; 3) Four-part series of virtual programs with non-profit organizations for adults to explore humanities topics; 4) In-person holiday storytelling programs for children at all eight library locations; and 5) Expansion of the library's adult, children and young adult poetry collections to include works from local, regional, national and international poets in both physical and digital formats.

Funding from the California Humanities Relief Grant will supplement the items listed below:

Humanities	
Description	Amount
Digitization of Press Enterprise	\$3,000
Five Offerings of a Youth Poetry Series	\$2,000
Four Virtual Adult Humanities Classes	\$1,000
Storytelling Programs	\$4,000
Adult Poetry Collection	\$5,000
Children's Poetry Collection	\$3,500
Young Adult Poetry Collection	\$1,500
Total	\$20,000

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.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

The item presented in this report contributes to Strategic Priority No. 1 *Arts, Culture & Recreation* and Goal 1.1 - Strengthen Riverside's portfolio of arts, culture, recreation, senior and lifelong learning programs and amenities through expanded community partnerships, shared use opportunities and fund development.

The item aligns with each of the five Cross-Cutting Threads as follows:

1. **Community Trust** - This item aligns with Community Trust by This item aligns with Community Trust by minimizing the expenditure of City funds through community partnership and involving the Board of Library Trustees and members of the community to encourage or enhance communication.
2. **Equity** - This item aligns with Equity by facilitating equitable distribution of services to every

member of the community.

3. **Fiscal Responsibility** - This item aligns with Fiscal Responsibility as the community would benefit by accepting this award with no financial implications to the City other than in-kind contributions of staff time.
4. **Innovation** - This item aligns with Innovation by continuing partnership with the California State Library.
5. **Sustainability & Resiliency** - This item aligns with Sustainability & Resiliency by potentially providing fund development opportunity.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total fiscal impact of this action is \$20,000. Upon approval, record an increase of \$20,000 in the Grants and Restricted Programs Fund, California Humanities Relief Grant, revenue account 9174100-331100 and appropriate an equal amount in expenditure account 9174100-440110. No city match of funds is required.

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Approved by: Rafael Guzman, Assistant City Manager
Approved as to form: Phaedra A. Norton, City Attorney

Attachments: Award Letter