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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Janet McCoy - Director

Library

REPORT BY: Janet McCoy, Library Director, 253-4208

SUBJECT: Reach Out and Read grant acceptance and budget change

RECOMMENDATION

Library Director requests approval of the following actions pertaining to a Reach Out and Read grant:

- 1. Acceptance of an Federal LSTA (Library Services and Technology Act) Reach Out and Read grant in the amount of \$7,600 administered by the California State Library; and
- 2. Approval of Budget Transfer No. 27 increasing appropriations for Literacy Services and Indirect costs by \$7,600 with offsetting revenues in the Library budget. (4/5 vote required)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Napa City-County Library has applied for, and received notification of an LSTA grant award of \$7,600 for Reach Out and Read. The grant will be implemented by the library's Literacy Office, and involves partnering with a local medical clinic for the purposes of implementing a pediatric early literacy program. Dr. Pastcan of Napa Kaiser Pediatrics has agreed to partner with the library on this project. Because this grant was not included in the library's budget, a budget adjustment is necessary.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? Yes
Is it currently budgeted? No

What is the revenue source? Federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant funds, administered

by the California State Library.

Is it Mandatory or Discretionary? Discretionary

Discretionary Justification: These funds enable us to promote reading and encourage literacy to young

children.

Is the general fund affected? No

Future fiscal impact: There is no commitment required past the grant period.

Consequences if not approved: The service would not be implemented.

Additional Information: \$6,840 is for direct costs of the project. \$760 (10%) is allowed as indirect

costs of administering the grant.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

The Napa City-County Library has applied for, and received notification of an LSTA grant award of \$7,600 for Reach Out and Read. The grant will be implemented by the library's Literacy Office, and involves partnering with a local medical clinic for the purposes of implementing a pediatric early literacy program. Dr. Pastcan of Napa Kaiser Pediatrics has agreed to partner with the library on this project.

Grant funds will be used to purchase age-appropriate books for use in the doctors' offices and for them to give to their patients. Because this grant was not included in the library's budget, a budget adjustment is necessary.

ROR trains healthcare providers to incorporate literacy guidance into well-baby check-ups for children 6 months to 5 years of age. The program also provides a developmentally and culturally appropriate book for the family to take home and keep as a way to underscore the physician's guidance. ROR is a national program that has been proven to be highly effective in helping to prepare children to enter school ready to learn.

10% (\$760) of the grant award is allowed for the library's cost of administering the grant.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Maiko Klieman