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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Danis Kreimeier - Director
Library

REPORT BY: Dawn Boggs, Staff Services Analyst II - 253-4819

SUBJECT: Acceptance of two Federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grants in the amount of \$9,250

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Library Services and Community Outreach requests the following actions regarding two Federal LSTA grants:

1. Authorization to accept LSTA funds in the amount of \$9,250 to be used to purchase 18 robotics kits, 1 magnetic poetry board and accessories, creative writing and robotics books and materials, and staff preparation time; and
2. Authorize Budget Transfer No. LIB001 increasing appropriations in the Library's budget with offsetting revenues from the grant funding. (4/5 vote required)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As participants in the Staff Innovation Fund, Library staff applied for Federal grants to fund innovative Library projects. As a result of this opportunity, the Library was awarded two grants, one for \$5,750 to provide seven robotics workshops to children ages 7-10, and another for \$3,500 to provide a creative writing program for Napa County residents. The Director of Library Services and Community Outreach requests approval to accept the grant funds.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? Yes

Is it currently budgeted? No

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| What is the revenue source? | Federal LSTA funds through the California State Library. |
| Is it Mandatory or Discretionary? | Discretionary |
| Discretionary Justification: | These grant projects will provide educational, enrichment and creative writing opportunities for Napa County children and adults. |
| Is the general fund affected? | No |
| Future fiscal impact: | None. Once the programs have been administered through the end of the grant period, the obligations of the grants will have been met. |
| Consequences if not approved: | If this action is not approved, the Library will not be able to accept the grants, or provide the robotics workshops of the creative writing program. |
| Additional Information: | |

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 Director of Library Services and Community Outreach requests approval to accept \$9,250 in Federal LSTA grant funds from the California State Library.

On November 7, 2013, the Library received a check from the California State Library for \$9,250. The receipt of this check represents the culmination of the successful efforts of Library staff in earning two Federal grants through the Staff Innovation Fund. The Staff Innovation Fund provided select Library employees with training in various disciplines, such as communication, grant writing and project management, with the ultimate goal of being selected to pitch an idea to the California State Library to receive grant funding. Two Library staff members pitched the robotics and creative writing program ideas, and the Library was selected to receive grants for these projects.

The robotics workshops will expose children ages 7-10 to the world of robotics and beginning computer programming by allowing them to construct robots from LEGO®s, then program them to complete tasks using LEGO® WeDo™ software. These workshops are being presented as the Library's contribution to enhancing Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) education in the community.

The creative writing project will consist of a series of writing workshops and sessions to be held at the Napa Main Library. The purpose of these workshops is to provide writing instruction and inspiration to local residents, with a goal of the writers participating in National Novel Writing Month and National Poetry Month activities.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Helene Franchi