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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Anthony Halstead - Director
Library

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SUBJECT: Provision to provide and pay ongoing costs for high speed internet access at all library locations

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Library Services and Community Outreach requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign an agreement with Califa for the term July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2025 for a maximum amount of \$275,000 to provide internet access for all Library locations.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Director of Library Services and Community Outreach requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign an agreement with Califa to provide Internet service of up to 1gbps (1 gigabit per second) to all library locations.

The Library intends to continue to participate in the state-subsidized, high-speed broadband program entitled the Corporation for Education Networking Initiatives in California (CENIC). This program is being managed by Califa, a library nonprofit funded partially by the California State Library.

FISCAL & STRATEGIC PLAN IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? Yes

Is it currently budgeted? Yes

Where is it budgeted?	Appropriations for the Califa contract are in the Communications/Telephone line item of the Library's General Operations Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:	To continue to provide internet services for Library patrons at speeds of 1gbps (1 gigabit per second) in all locations, and decrease overall costs.
Is the general fund affected?	No
Future fiscal impact:	Appropriations for the expense will be budgeted in the Library's General Operations fund annually. The current costs for networking access in our four locations is slightly higher than our anticipated costs moving forward.
Consequences if not approved:	If this action is not approved, the Library will not be able to participate in Califa's program. The Library may experience an impact on internet speeds as well as increase cost for internet access.
County Strategic Plan pillar addressed:	Collaborative and Engaged Community
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

Califa, a non-profit multi-library consortium, has been selected to distribute state and federal funding and subsidies for high-speed internet access for public libraries. Many higher educational institutions and school districts have participated in this same program, commonly referred to as "CENIC" (Corporation for Education Network Initiatives in California) for years.

All Library branches currently have internet speed of 1gbps (gigabit per second). The 1gbps is significantly faster than previous providers were able to offer and allows us virtually unlimited use by the public for wifi, public accessible computers and any other devices in all locations, as was demonstrated during the fall 2019 Public Safety Power Shutoff events.

It does not authorize this network to be used for staff purposes, as required by Califa.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Helene Franchi