



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: November 20, 2012

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Administration, Library Department

SUBJECT: Grants from the Institute of Museum and Library Services; California State Library; and the Junior League of Santa Barbara

RECOMMENDATION: That Council:

- A. Authorize the Library Director to accept a \$50,000 grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) to develop and pilot a school age literacy program;
- B. Authorize the Library Director to accept a \$21,000 grant from the California State Library for the library's Adult Literacy program;
- C. Authorize the Library Director to accept a \$30,000 grant from the Junior League of Santa Barbara to fund a children's program that promotes improved literacy and homework skills for school age children and their parents;
- D. Authorize the Library Director to accept a \$4,000 grant from the Allergan Foundation to fund a community reading program;
- E. Adopt, by reading of title only, A Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Amending Resolution No. 12-042, the Position and Salary Control Resolution for Fiscal Year 2013, affecting the Library Department effective December 1, 2012; and
- F. Authorize an increase in appropriations and estimated revenues of \$105,000 in the General Fund, Library Department, representing the total grants and donations received.

DISCUSSION:

The Library Department has been awarded a \$50,000 National Leadership grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services to develop and pilot a program that will target school aged children in low-income families. Tentatively called the Reading Together Project, the grant is in partnership with the Santa Barbara Museum of Art. Once developed and piloted, the library may apply for a subsequent matching grant that would fund the program for three additional years. Only ten of these special childhood reading initiative grants were awarded nationwide this year. Acceptance of these grant monies will allow the library department to create a .80 Regular Part-Time Senior Library Technician position to develop the Reading Together Literacy program.

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The California State Library awarded a \$21,000 grant to assist with funding of Santa Barbara Public Library System's ongoing Adult Literacy Program. The funds will be used to hire an hourly Library Assistant II to help oversee the day-to-day operations of the program.

The Junior League of Santa Barbara grant of \$30,000 will be used to assist with children's literacy programs, including summer reading, homework and reading support, and class visits. The funds will be used to pay for hourly staffing, furniture purchases, publicity and supplies.

The \$4,000 from the Allergan Foundation will be used support the Library's community reads program.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Staff recommends that Council authorize the increase of revenues and appropriations in the Fiscal Year 2013 Library General Fund by \$105,000 for these projects. The grant monies will provide the entire funding.

SUBMITTED BY: Irene Macias, Library Director

APPROVED BY: City Administrator's Office