



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: October 18, 2016

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Library Department

SUBJECT: Acceptance Of Adult Education Block Grants From Santa Barbara City College For Digital Literacy In Support Of Workforce Development And Dyslexic Tutoring

RECOMMENDATION: That Council:

- A. Authorize the Library Director to accept a grant of \$81,341.83 from Santa Barbara City College to develop and implement the "One in Five" (\$43,465.77) and "Digital Literacy" (\$37,876.06) programs; and
- B. Increase revenue and appropriation in the Library's General Fund, Central Library Program by \$81,341.83 in Fiscal Year 2017.

DISCUSSION:

The Library Department has been awarded a total of \$81,341.83 from Santa Barbara City College that will fund the "One in Five" (\$43,465.77) and "Digital Literacy" (\$37,876.06) programs.

The "One in Five" program will serve two distinct cohorts. One set of individuals will include adults 18 and over with dyslexia, and the second will include community members, which include seniors, parents, caregivers, and grandparents. The adults that are 18 and over with dyslexia will be tutored by volunteers and teachers who will receive training in research-tested approaches to reading in order to help them thrive in adult education and career transition. The community member will be trained to develop the knowledge and skills to successfully work with persons who struggle with reading because of dyslexia.

The "Digital Literacy" will establish a learning center within the Central branch dedicated to helping adults improve their access to the online world of services and learning. This learning center will enable staff to conduct small classes, one-to-one tutoring, and individual online learning which will build digital literacy for adults 18 and over and

enable successful navigation of online interfaces for attaining public services, vocational training, job searching, educational opportunities, financial services and basic information literacy.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Staff recommends that Council authorize the increase of revenues and appropriations for the Library's General Fund, Central Library Program by \$81,341.83 for these programs.

SUBMITTED BY: Jessica Cadiente, Library Director

APPROVED BY: City Administrator's Office