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December 4, 2007

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

PUBLIC LIBRARY: REQUEST TO ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE TARGET CORPORATION TO ENHANCE STORYTIME PROGRAMS IN ALL COUNTY LIBRARIES (ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Accept a grant from Target Corporation in the amount of $75,000 to enhance storytime programs in all 84 County libraries.

2. Authorize the County Librarian to act on the County's behalf regarding the execution and completion of all documents relating to the project as may be required under the conditions of the grant, to expend the funds necessary for the completion of the project, and to meet the conditions of the grant.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Public Library is requesting the Board of Supervisors to accept a grant in the amount of $75,000 from Target Corporation to provide free storytimes for preschoolers and toddlers in all 84 County libraries. The grant was awarded to the Public Library to support its early literacy storytime programs for preschool children and families. Approval of this recommendation will enable the Public Library to purchase necessary services and supplies to enhance the interactive elements of the storytimes, to develop special storytime events, and to provide incentives to parents and children to promote reading in the home.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Approval of the recommended action is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan Goals in the areas of Service Excellence (1), Fiscal Responsibility (4), and Children and Families' Well-Being (5).

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The grant funds will be used for the purchase of the necessary services and supplies to implement the grant program. The Public Library's operating budget has the appropriation to cover expenditures from this grant. Acceptance of this grant does not require matching funds from the Public Library and does not commit the County to provide ongoing services.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

County policy requires that grants be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for acceptance. A Grant Management statement is not required for this grant because the grant amount is under $100,000.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES

This generous grant from Target Corporation will enable the Public Library to enhance its early literacy programs and services and further reach out to the families of children in the communities.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Public Library.

Respectfully submitted,

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