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July 8, 2008

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
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Dear Supervisors:

PUBLIC LIBRARY: REQUEST TO ACCEPT THE READING COMPANION GRANT FROM INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES FOR THE LYNWOOD AND CARSON LIBRARIES (SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 2) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

The Public Library is requesting Board acceptance of an in-kind grant from International Business Machines (IBM) valued at $10,000 to enhance literacy programs and materials at Lynwood and Carson Libraries by providing access to the Reading Companion online literacy software, online books, and other online materials. The grant program will end on December 31, 2009.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Accept the Reading Companion grant from International Business Machines valued at $10,000 to enhance literacy programs and materials at Lynwood and Carson Libraries. The grant program will end on December 31, 2009.

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, 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 from IBM valued at $10,000 to provide access to the Reading Companion online literacy software at Lynwood and Carson Libraries. This grant program also includes online evaluation materials, books, training, tutorials and instructor guides, as well as technical support. The grant was awarded to the Public Library at the request of the Second District for enhanced adult literacy education. Approval of the recommended actions will help the Lynwood and Carson Libraries meet the educational needs of the Lynwood and Carson communities.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

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

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Acceptance of this in-kind grant from IBM 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.

As a condition of the grant, the County Library will perform the work and fulfill its other responsibilities as outlined in the agreement with IBM. The agreement, which does not include Board required contracting provisions, is on a form that is prepared and required by IBM.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The Public Library's participation in IBM's Reading Companion grant program will enable the Lynwood and Carson Libraries, and the local community, to enhance literacy programs and materials to help adults learn how to read.

CONCLUSION

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

Respectfully submitted,

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