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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Dear Supervisors:

APPROVE PARTICIPATION IN A MULTI-YEAR GRANT PROJECT FOR CALIFORNIA STATE LIBRARY'S FAMILY PLACE INITIATIVE (SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 2) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

The Public Library is recommending Board approval of its participation in a multi-year grant project for the California State Library's Family Place initiative. It is funded by Federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funds and administered by the Metropolitan Cooperative Library System (MCLS). The Public Library will participate in the grant project and receive grant resources from MCLS over a period of three fiscal years.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Approve the Public Library's participation in a multi-year grant project for the California State Library's Family Place initiative funded by Federal Library Services and Technology Act funds and administered by the Metropolitan Cooperative Library System for a period of three fiscal years, to establish a state-wide Family Place Training Center at the Carson Library, expand the existing Family Place program at Carson Library, and implement a new Family Place program at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library, using in-kind resources at an estimated value of $109,349 and grant funds of up to $249,210.

2. Authorize and delegate authority to the County Librarian for the full duration of the grant project, beginning on the day of your Board's approval in Fiscal Year 2008-09 through 2010-11, to execute any documents and agreements, once approved by County Counsel, related to the acceptance and use of the grant funds and in-kind resources for the County's and Public Library's participation in the grant project, to expend the grants funds as necessary for the completion of the project, and to meet the conditions of the grant award as a participating library jurisdiction in the grant project.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Public Library is recommending Board approval of its participation in a multi-year grant project administered by MCLS for the California State Library's Family Place initiative. Family Place is a national project that provides a model of comprehensive family-centered services that expands the traditional role of Children's Services by providing information on good health, early learning, parental involvement, and access to supportive community services, all of which are important in young children's growth and development. There are currently 26 County libraries with a Family Place program.

Approval of the recommended actions will allow the Public Library to establish a Family Place Training Center at the Carson Library, expand the existing Family Place program at Carson Library and implement a new Family Place program at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library. Both libraries are located in the City of Carson. The California State Library, in consultation with Public Library staff, has selected the Carson Library as the Family Place training center for all libraries in California. When the center is completed, Public Library staff will receive training in Carson rather than having to travel to New York. The Carson Library and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library Family Place sites will serve as the model for training purposes.

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), Fiscal Responsibility (4), and Children and Families' Well-Being (5).

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

This Family Place grant project is funded by Federal LSTA funds. MCLS will administer this grant and serve as the fiscal agent. The Public Library will receive in-kind resources and grant funds from MCLS over a period of three fiscal years. The in-kind resources, which have an estimated value of up to $109,349, include Family Place training, and library materials and equipment for the training center. The grant funds of up to $249,210 will reimburse the Public Library for the cost of salaries and employee benefits of staff who will administer the program. The Public Library has the necessary appropriation to cover current year expenditures from this grant project, and will utilize existing vacant budgeted positions to hire one Librarian I and one Library Aide.

While this grant project will provide new library materials and equipment for the training center, a Family Place grant from First 5 LA will fund the physical enhancements to the Carson Library meeting room for use as a state-wide Family Place training center. It is necessary for First 5 LA to fund the refurbishment project because the Federal LSTA grant prohibits funding of the physical enhancements for the training center.

Acceptance of the grant resources from MCLS does not require matching funds from the County and does not commit the County to provide ongoing services.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The grant period is for three fiscal years, beginning on the day of your Board's approval for Fiscal Year 2008-09 through Fiscal Year 2010-11.

County policy requires that grants be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for acceptance. A grant management statement which is required when the grant amount is $100,000 or more is attached (Attachment A).

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This grant award will enable the Public Library to enhance its services and programs through the enhanced Family Place programs at the Carson and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. libraries. The Carson meeting room will be closed to the public for a period of three to six months while the refurbishment work for the training center is in progress. After the renovation, the public will continue to have access to the meeting room with its enhanced features.

CONCLUSION

Please return a conformed copy of the adopted stamped Board Letter to the Public Library.

Respectfully submitted,

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County Librarian

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Attachment (1)

c: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Auditor-Controller

Attachment A

Los Angeles County Chief Executive Office

Grant Management Statement for Grants $100,000 or More

Department: Public Library

Grant Project Title and Description

The California State Library Family Place grant project will establish a state-wide Family Place Training Center at the Carson Library, expand the existing Family Place program at the Carson Library, and implement a new Family Place program at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library. It is funded by Federal Library Services Technology Act (LSTA) funds. The Metropolitan Cooperative Library System (MCLS) will administer this grant and serve as the fiscal agent. The Public Library will participate in the grant project and receive grant resources from MCLS over a period of three fiscal years. Family Place is a national project that provides a model of comprehensive family-centered services that are important in young children's growth and development.

Funding Agency	Program (Fed. Grant #/State Bill or Code #)	Grant Acceptance Deadline
Library Services and Technology Act	LSTA Grant Award #40-7219	As soon as possible

Total Amount of Grant Funding: up to $249,210; will also receive in-kind resources at an estimated value of $109,349.	**County Match:** -0-

Grant Period: Three Fiscal Years	**Begin Date:** Board Acceptance Date in Fiscal Year 2008-09	**End Date:** June 30, 2011

Number of Personnel Hired Under This Grant: 2	**Full Time:** 1	**Part Time:** 1

Obligations Imposed on the County When the Grant Expires

Will all personnel hired for this program be informed this is a grant-funded program?	Yes x	No ___
Will all personnel hired for this program be placed on temporary ("N") items	Yes x	No ___
Is the County obligated to continue this program after the grant expires?	Yes ___	No x
If the County is not obligated to continue this program after the grant expires, the Department will:		
a.) Absorb the program cost without reducing other services	Yes ___	No x
b.) Identify other revenue sources (describe below) _____	Yes ___	No x
c.) Eliminate or reduce, as appropriate, positions/program costs funded by the grant.	Yes ___	No x

Impact of additional personnel on existing space:

None

Other requirements not mentioned above: None

Department Head Signature _____

Date 1/25/09

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