

REVISED MOTION BY SUPERVISORS HILDA L. SOLIS AND

May 16, 2023

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ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FOR DIGITAL NAVIGATORS PROGRAM

On March 24, 2023, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) released a draft resolution approving 11 projects for grant awards totaling \$9.3 million from the California Advanced Services Fund (CASF) Broadband Adoption Account. This resolution includes a recommendation that the County of Los Angeles’ Internal Services Department (ISD) receive \$3,376,000 to establish a Digital Navigators Program.

Digital Navigators are a community-centered approach to improving broadband adoption and digital literacy. The navigators will be trusted guides and skilled support technicians trained to help families connect to and confidently use the internet, find affordable devices, and apply for subsidies to offset the costs for internet services and computer devices.

On April 27, 2023, the CPUC voted to approve the resolution that will award a CASF grant to ISD. The grant provides awardees with reimbursements for qualifying expenses over two years. ISD’s grant award will fund several objectives, including: program management services, digital literacy training for 7,500 constituents,

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community outreach events, and awareness of the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP).

Additionally, this CASF grant will benefit and expand current efforts of the County's Delete The Divide initiative funded by the American Rescue Plan Act, ISD's recent grant award of \$700,000 from the federal ACP Outreach Grant Program, and the County's Community Broadband Network projects that will be administered through public-private partnerships to deploy free and low-cost internet service to underserved communities impacted by the digital divide in Los Angeles County.

It is imperative that the County take advantage of this grant funding in support of the Board's initiative to Accelerate Digital Equity and rapidly implement a Digital Navigators Program

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Authorize the Director of ISD, or his designee, as an agent of the County of Los Angeles, to accept the grant from the California Advanced Services Fund Broadband Adoption Account in the amount of \$3,376,000 awarded on April 27, 2023 by the California Public Utilities Commission.
2. Authorize the Director of ISD, or his designee, as an agent of the County of Los Angeles, to complete and submit any required forms and documentation according to the specified terms and conditions of the grant, and to seek reimbursement for applicable costs pursuant to this grant award.
3. Approve ~~the attached Budget Adjustment~~ an appropriation adjustment to reflect an increase of \$3,376,000 in ~~appropriation~~ Services & Supplies and

revenue from the California Public Utilities Commission for Digital Navigators Program in the ISD Operation Budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-2023. ISD will carryover sufficient appropriation in its FY 2023-24 Supplemental Changes budget request should there be unspent funding from FY 2022-23.

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May 16, 2023

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT

INTERNAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER:

THE FOLLOWING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT IS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THIS DEPARTMENT. PLEASE CONFIRM THE ACCOUNTING ENTRIES AND AVAILABLE BALANCES AND FORWARD TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR HER RECOMMENDATION OR ACTION.

ADJUSTMENT REQUESTED AND REASONS THEREFORE

FY 2022-23

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SOURCES

USES

INTERNAL SERVICES

A01-IS-88-8810-13100
STATE-SPECIAL GRANTS
INCREASE REVENUE

3,376,000

INTERNAL SERVICES

A01-IS-2000-13100
SERVICES & SUPPLIES
INCREASE APPROPRIATION

3,376,000

SOURCES TOTAL

\$ 3,376,000

USES TOTAL

\$ 3,376,000

JUSTIFICATION

Reflects an increase in Services & Supplies appropriation and revenue from the California Public Utilities Commission for digital literacy training programs and public education to communities with limited broadband adoption.

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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SABRA JOHNSON, ISD, ADMIN DEPUTY

BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S APPROVAL (AS REQUESTED/REVISED)

CELIA ZAVALA
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

REFERRED TO THE CHIEF
EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR---

ACTION

RECOMMENDATION

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DATE **5/11/23**

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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