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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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

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Dear Supervisors:

**ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD OF \$75,000 FROM THE CALIFORNIA STATE LIBRARY
FOR THE LIBRARY'S TEENS SUCCEED PROJECT AND DELEGATE AUTHORITY
TO THE COUNTY LIBRARIAN TO ACCEPT FUTURE GRANT AWARDS
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

LA County Library (Library) is recommending that the Board of Supervisors accept a grant award of \$75,000 from the California State Library (CSL), funded by the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA), for the Library's Teens Succeed Project (Project) and delegate authority to the County Librarian to accept and execute similar future grant awards from the California State Library.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find that the proposed actions are not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to the State CEQA Guidelines, Section 15378.
2. Accept grant funding of \$75,000 from the California State Library for the Library's Teens Succeed Project.
3. Delegate authority to the County Librarian, or her designee, to execute documents, agreements or amendments associated with the acceptance and use of the grant, with County Counsel's approval as to form.
4. Delegate authority to the County Librarian, or her designee, to accept and execute similar future grants and awards from the California State Library, funded by the LSTA, subject to review and approval by the Board offices, the Chief Executive Officer and County Counsel approval as to form.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

According to the Los Angeles County Disconnected Youth report, one of the after-effects of the COVID-19 pandemic was an increase in the number of youth and young adults that were disconnected from education and/or employment. In the 2021 American Community Survey, 13.2% of 16–24-year-olds in Los Angeles County were neither in school nor employed, an increase from 10.1% in 2019. The California State Library Teens Succeed opportunity addresses the challenges teens face in the aftereffects of the pandemic and helps prepare youth for success in life by providing grant funding for teen internships that focus on developing teens' social emotional learning and workforce readiness skills.

Approval of the recommended actions will allow the Library to implement a Teen Internship program for youth ages 16 – 18. The program will create paid work experience, resume building opportunities, and introduce at-promise youth in underserved communities to career opportunities in public libraries. Interns will be trained on workplace readiness and social-emotional skills building, and will work collaboratively with Library staff on designing and implementing a capstone project at their host library.

Approval of the recommended actions will also allow the County Librarian to accept and execute similar future grants and awards from the California State Library, funded by the LSTA, allowing the Library to meet time-sensitive grant requirements to fully utilize grant funds efficiently in support of Library programs. The recommended actions will also streamline operations; ensure rapid implementation of the grants' requirements; and reduce the amount of time required to implement Library programs for the benefit of the residents of Los Angeles County.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The County Strategic Plan directs the provisions of North Star 2, Focus Area Goal F. Community Connections, and North Star 3, Focus Area Goal E. Data-Driven Decision Making and Focus Area Goal F. Flexible and Efficient Infrastructure. The recommended actions support the Strategic Plan by investing in public infrastructure that will enhance cultural, recreational, and learning opportunities for County residents and visitors, and improve the operational effectiveness of an existing County asset.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The \$75,000 grant award is funded by the Library Services and Technology Act. A match is expected, but no minimum amount is required. LA County Library will match grant funds with in-kind staff time to establish and facilitate the Project.

The grant period is from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. The grant award will be used to fund teen interns, other staffing costs and to purchase the necessary supplies and materials for the Project. LA County Library's existing Fiscal Year 2024-25 Operating Budget has the appropriation to cover grant expenditures. Upon expiration of the grant funding, the Library is not obligated to continue with the program, and will eliminate or reduce, as appropriate, program costs funded by the grant.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

After applying for the LSTA grant, the Library was selected to receive a grant in the amount of \$75,000.

County policy requires grants submission to the Board of Supervisors for acceptance. On June 20, 2000, the Board approved a motion by Supervisor Gloria Molina to prepare a Grant Management Statement for inclusion in all Board Letters recommending approval of grants of \$100,000 or more. A Grant Management statement is not required for this grant because the grant amount is under \$100,000.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The recommended actions are not subject to the CEQA requirements because they do not constitute a project according to Section 15378 of CEQA.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This grant will enable the Library to support and empower teens and young adults through training and work experience opportunities to combat the rising trend of unemployment and under schooling.

CONCLUSION

If there are any questions or there is a need for additional information, please contact Yolanda Pina, Chief Deputy, at (562) 940-8412.

Respectfully submitted,



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c: Chief Executive Office
County Counsel
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Auditor-Controller