



CITY OF SALINAS COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

DATE: DECEMBER 19, 2017

DEPARTMENT: LIBRARY & COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

FROM: CARY ANN SIEGFRIED, LCS DIRECTOR

TITLE: LIBRARIES ILLUMINATED GRANT AWARD

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

A motion to accept the Libraries Illuminated grant award in the amount of \$29,930 and authorize execution of the grant agreement with the Southern California Library Cooperative (SCLC)

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council accept the Libraries Illuminated grant award of \$29,930 and execute an agreement regarding the terms of the grant with the Southern California Library Cooperative (SCLC) in order to purchase hardware and software that will help library patrons better utilize the Library's broadband connection.

BACKGROUND:

The grant award will facilitate the implementation of an Innovation Lab at the John Steinbeck Library that will create a platform for a variety of educational functions. It will be a business incubator for new and emerging businesses in the AgTech field by day, a creative workspace for youth and young adults learning new 21st Century tools in the afternoon and on weekends, as well as supporting workforce development programs for adults in the evening.

This grant opportunity will allow for the purchase of software and hardware equipment for the new Innovation Lab and will help us build the infrastructure to utilize our broadband connection and high-speed internet most effectively. With the new equipment and software this grant allows us to purchase, youth and adults will be able to live stream webinars, collaborate on projects over broadband, and work in small-group learning circles to enhance their professional skills. The laptops and workstations will be equipped with high-speed processors and graphic cards that will make video and game creation fast and efficient, and streaming and collaborating over the Internet seamless.

CEQA CONSIDERATION:

The City of Salinas has determined that the proposed action is not a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (CEQA Guidelines Section 15378).

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVE:

The grant will support the City Council Strategic Plan Goal V: Quality of Life.

FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

There is no impact to the City's General Fund Budget. No additional Measure V funding will be required beyond that already allocated to the Library's annual budget. No matching funds are required.

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution
Request for Payment
Letter from California State Library
Grant Application Form