

# **REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL**

## ***City of Salinas, California***

DATE: January 10, 2017

FROM: Cary Ann Siegfried, Library & Community Services Director

THRU: Eric Howard, Deputy Librarian

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SUBJECT: **CALIFORNIA STATE LIBRARY LITERACY SERVICES GRANT AWARD**

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council accept the California State Library Literacy Services grant award of \$84,132 for the continuation of the library's adult and family literacy programs.

### **DISCUSSION:**

On December 5, 2016, the Salinas Public Library's Literacy Services was notified by the California State Library *Literacy Services* (CLLS) of their approval for an award of \$84,132 to support adult and family literacy programs. The funding formula used by the State Library consists of a baseline amount, a per capita amount per adult learner served in the previous year, and a match on local funds (which includes Measure V Literacy Services Budget and other related grant funds) for literacy services.

Earlier this year the Salinas Public Library received \$18,000 in funding from the California State Library Literacy Services (CLLS) to continue literacy programs. The current award of \$66,132 is the balance of funding allowed per the State Library's funding formula. The grand total of funding awarded for Fiscal Year 2016/2017 is \$84,132. This year's grant award is higher than last year's grant award and reflects both the larger number of learners served, and the increase over prior years in the CLLS budget by the governor's office.

The California Library Literacy Services (CLLS) funding has helped sustain the library's literacy programs for nearly twenty years. Funding from CLLS allows the library to offer individualized and small group tutoring for adults wanting to learn how to read, to learn basic computer skills and workforce readiness, and to prepare for the High School Equivalency examination. The adult program supports family literacy skills, including bilingual story time and providing free books to help families build home libraries. We also refer our adult learners to our other grant-funded literacy programs for families such as Read, Grow & PLAY, and Raising a Reader.

This grant will enable the Library to employ Part-time Temporary staff to work in adult and family literacy programs. Funds will also be used to purchase computer equipment, acquire books, supplies and learning materials, and enhance our adult and family education programs.

**ISSUE:**

Shall the City Council accept the *California State Library Literacy Services* grant award in the amount of \$84,132 for the Salinas Public Library to continue their adult and family literacy programs?

**FISCAL 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.

**TIME CONSIDERATIONS:**

All grant funds must be expended by June 30, 2017.

**ALTERNATIVES/IMPLICATIONS:**

The City Council may choose not to approve the *California State Library Literacy Services* grant award of \$84,132.

**CITY COUNCIL GOALS:**

The grant will support the Council goals of promoting a high quality of life by strengthening family relationships, providing programs that develop strong individuals, creating a culture of literacy and economic prosperity.

**CONCLUSIONS:**

Acceptance of the *California State Library Literacy Services* Grant Award of \$84,132 will enable the Library to retain the adult and family literacy programs that support life-long learning and increase the literacy skills of young children and families. It is recommended that Council approve the "California State Library Literacy Services Award" and authorize the Library and Community Services Director or designee to submit the Claim Form for the balance of program funds.

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**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ (N.C.S.)**

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE CALIFORNIA STATE LIBRARY LITERACY SERVICES  
PROGRAM GRANT AWARD IN THE FINAL AMOUNT OF \$66,132**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF SALINAS that the City Manager or his designee may accept funding in the final amount of \$66,132, for a 2016/17 Grand Total of \$84,132, from the California State Library's Library Literacy Program and further authorizes the execution of the Grant Agreement to fund Adult and Family Literacy Services for the City of Salinas community.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 10<sup>th</sup> day of January 2017, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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Joe Gunter, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Patricia M. Barajas, City Clerk