



**CITY OF SALINAS
COUNCIL STAFF REPORT**

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DEPARTMENT: LIBRARY & COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT
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TITLE: CALIFORNIA LIBRARY LITERACY SERVICES ESL
LITERACY GRANT AWARD

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

A motion to approve a Resolution accepting the California Library Literacy Services (CLLS) grant awards in the amount of \$47,385 in support of ESL Adult Literacy and authorize execution of all grant acceptance documents with the California State Library.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council approve a Resolution accepting the California Library Literacy Services grant award of \$47,385 for the continuation of the library's adult and family literacy programs.

BACKGROUND:

On August 28, 2023, the Salinas Public Library's Literacy Services was notified by the California State Library Literacy Services (CLLS) of approval for an award of \$47,385 to establish an ESL adult literacy program. These funds will support programming for adults with limited-English-speaking literacy skills and will be provided primarily to adults enrolled in the library's Adult and Family Literacy programs.

The grant will enable the library to establish an ESL adult literacy program, to employ temporary part-time staff to work in adult ESL literacy program, acquire books, supplies and learning materials that enhance our adult education program, and increase our capacity to provide high-quality adult ESL services, including but not limited to expanding the Citizenship language-support group, establishing introductory ESL instruction and support, and assisting ESL learners to transition to the English language-based adult literacy programs and services. Library staff are prepared to offer both in-person and/or virtual instruction.

The California Library Literacy Services is providing funding as part of a five-year ESL initiative, of which this funding is for the third year of the initiative. Funding is based on projected need and programming plans, and anticipated local funds raised and expended for adult literacy services, reflecting a commitment to state/local partnerships in support of literacy services. Participation in this year makes the Salinas Public Library's Literacy Services eligible to receive funding for the two remaining years of the initiative.

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 2022-2025 Goals:

- Effective and Culturally Responsive Government
- Youth and Seniors

DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION:

The Library & Community Services Department will work with the Finance Department to receive funds, establish expenditure accounts, and prepare final budget reports required at the end of the grant period.

FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

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

ATTACHMENTS:

- Award Letter, California Library Literacy Services dated August 28, 2023
- Council Resolution