CITY OF SALINAS
COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

DATE: **April 2, 2019**

DEPARTMENT: **LIBRARY & COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

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TITLE: **HARDEN FOUNDATION GRANT AWARD**

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

A motion to accept the Harden Foundation grant award in the amount of $25,000 and authorize execution of all grant acceptance documents with the Harden Foundation.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council accept the Harden Foundation grant award of $25,000 in support of the construction of a community room deck at the new El Gabilan Library.

BACKGROUND:

The new El Gabilan Library development includes the potential for "managed options" – features that the community sought, but were not originally incorporated into the project because of cost. The Library prioritized three potential options that became part of the focus for a capital gifts campaign. They include an outdoor "Children & Family Area"; an outdoor "Community Area" that includes an amphitheater; and a deck off of the community room. The total cost for these three options is $400,000. The Library seeks to meet the needs of the community by augmenting the total project budget with grants and individual donations. Currently, the Library has successfully raised $345,000 ($100,000 of that amount is a challenge grant) to support the El Gabilan Library project.

In addition to the managed options, the Library seeks to raise money in order to purchase new technology, additional books and provide other library services.

On September 1, 2018, the Salinas Public Library applied for a grant from the Harden Foundation through the Friends of the Salinas Public Library (FOSPL) in support of the community room deck, one of the "managed options" referenced above. The Salinas Public Library was notified on February 20, 2019 of approval of an award in the amount of $25,000, which will contribute to the cost of the outdoor community room deck. The managed options are tied to the construction timelines which are built into the project's development so that

the added enhancements will not delay the overall completion of the Library.

This grant will enable the library to construct a community room deck that will extend the function and capacity of the community room. It is expected that the community room, with a capacity of over 150 people will be heavily used, both for library programs, as well as for community events and meetings. With an entrance that will be accessible outside of the hours that the library is open, this meeting space could host many community events that might lend themselves to indoor/outdoor uses and will be enhanced by the addition of this deck area.

The community room deck will be a place for the community to come together. Families and adults seeking a quiet place before or after programs could also use it to find another safe place to quietly meet, while enjoying the outdoors. The deck can also function as a programming space for families, teens, adults, seniors and children.

The grant period runs from February 20, 2019 through February 20, 2020, with a final report due no later than 2/20/2020. Grant funds must be spent within the eleven months of the grant agreement.

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.

DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION:

Library & Community Services is working in partnership with Public Works to deliver the new El Gabilan Library which is expected to be completed in December 2019.

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:

Grant Agreement Letter Dated 2/20/2019
Original Grant Proposal
Council Resolution