



CITY OF SALINAS COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

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DEPARTMENT: LIBRARY & COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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TITLE: COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF MONTEREY COUNTY GRANT AWARD

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

A motion to accept the Community Foundation of Monterey County (CFMC) grant award in the amount of \$25,000 and authorize execution of all grant acceptance documents with the Community Foundation of Monterey County.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council accept the CFMC grant award of \$25,000 in support of the construction of an outdoor learning space at the new El Gabilan Library.

BACKGROUND:

The scope of the new El Gabilan Library development includes seven “managed options” – features that the community sought, but that could not originally be incorporated into the project because of cost. The Library prioritized three of those seven options. 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 \$281,000 (\$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 purchase new technology, additional books and provide other library services by augmenting the budget further through private donations.

On August 1, 2018, the Salinas Public Library applied for a Community Impact grant from the Community Foundation of Monterey County in support of outdoor learning spaces, one of the “managed options” referenced above. The Salinas Public Library was notified on December 20th of approval of an award in the amount of \$25,000, which will contribute to the cost of the outdoor

Children & Family Area. The managed options also include timelines which are built into the project's development so that the added enhancements will not delay the overall completion of the Library. Library & Community Services Staff will be working with the Finance Department and the Developer to determine the best mechanism for adding donations and grants like the one described in this report to the overall project budget.

This grant will enable the library to construct an outdoor educational space that will allow the library to offer outdoor programming that supports school readiness and early acquisition of math and language skills. Targeted especially for young children ages birth to 7, the learning environments will expand the Library's learning space and provide a variety of "fresh-air" and kinetic experiences that enhance literacy and introduce math concepts through museum type interactive exhibits.

The grant period runs from January 1, 2019 through November 30th, 2019, with a final report due on 11/30/2019. 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 12/20/2018
Original Grant Proposal