



AGENDA REPORT

Department: Library
Prepared by: Danielle Ghio, Director of Library Services
Meeting Date: Tuesday, March 17, 2026
Approved by: Alejandro Hernandez, Acting City Manager

SUBJECT:

California State Library Lunch at the Library Grant Funds Acceptance

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the Resolution Entitled "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Authorizing the City Manager or Designee to Accept the California State Library Grant in the Amount of \$6,428 to Fund the National City Public Library's Lunch at the Library Program for Summer 2026, and Authorizing the Establishment of a Library Grants Fund Appropriation and Corresponding Revenue Budget in the Amount of \$6,428."

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE PRIOR ACTION:

Approved by the Board of Library Trustees at the Regular Meeting of March 4, 2026.

EXPLANATION:

The National City Public Library began a Lunch at the Library pilot program in 2024 to support providing summer meals to children and youth. The program was successful and a second grant in the amount of \$6,138 was received the following year. The focus of the program is to provide summer meal sites with learning and enrichment opportunities and wraparound community services in conjunction with meals.

The National City Public Library will again partner with Heaven's Windows, a non-profit whose mission is to aid struggling families, seniors, homeless individuals with free groceries and children with free meals when school is not in session. Heaven's Window will supply, deliver, and serve nutritious meals to children up to 18 years of age over the course of 10 weeks in the summer.

The California State Library grant is designed to establish summer meal sites that also provide programming, farm-to-table resources, and enrichment activities, and develop and build local and regional networks to connect families with nutritious summer meals to reduce summer hunger. This opportunity supports libraries in implementing innovative and often larger-scale efforts to connect more children, teens, and families with nutritious meals during the summer.

The California State Library Summer 2026 grant of \$6,428 will be awarded in one installment. Funds will pay for enrichment activities, marketing, instructional materials, and supplies.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

Approval of the Resolution would authorize the establishment of a Library Grants Fund (Fund 320) appropriation of \$6,428 in account no. 320-50-41-41411-7399- (Materials and Supplies) and a corresponding revenue budget in account no. 320-50-41-41411-3463- (Other State Grants).

RELATED CITY COUNCIL 2020-2025 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL:

Parks, Recreation and Library

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:

This is not a project under CEQA, and is therefore, not subject to environmental review. CCR15378; PRC 21065.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION:

The Agenda Report was posted at least 72 hours before the Regular Meeting date and time, and 24 hours before a Special Meeting in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act.

ORDINANCE:

Not Applicable

EXHIBITS:

Exhibit A - California State Library Award Letter

Exhibit B - Resolution