



AGENDA REPORT

Department: Library and Community Services
Prepared by: Joyce Ryan, Library & Community Services Director
Meeting Date: Tuesday, September 20, 2022
Approved by: Brad Raulston, City Manager

SUBJECT:

California Library Literacy Services ESL Grant Funds Acceptance

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt Resolution Entitled “Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Authorizing the City Manager or his designee to accept the California Library Literacy Services (CLLS) Grant in the amount of \$20,000 to fund the National City Public Library’s ESL Program for FY 2023 and authorizing the establishment of a Library Grants Fund appropriation of \$20,000 and corresponding revenue budget.”

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE PRIOR ACTION:

Approved by Board of Library Trustees at the Regular Meeting of September 7, 2022.

EXPLANATION:

California Library Literacy Services was developed in 1984 as the first statewide library-based adult literacy service. Since then, library literacy programs have helped more than a quarter of a million learners and their families.

The National City Public Library began an English as a Second Language (ESL) pilot program in 2018-2019 with one Basic English Class and one ESL tutor. Currently, the ESL program now holds a Basic, Advanced, and Conversational class with tutors trained in each specific level. ESL has become one of the most popular programs we provide. Since 2018, the program has assisted 146 ESL learners.

ESL learners will typically focus on the listening comprehension and speaking skills, as well as basic writing and reading skills, needed to participate in work, family life, and their communities. Tutoring is provided in one-to-one and small-group sessions that are tailored to each learner’s goals and aspirations. Adults who are eligible to receive ESL services:

- Are 16 years or older and not concurrently enrolled in high school;
- Seek literacy services for themselves although they may not be able to do the intake interview in English;
- Are willing to be assessed, and complete an intake interview and assessment that includes speaking and listening skills; and
- Have established one or more personal learning goals, including communication-related goals.

ESL learners include those who include as primary goals, and spend a large proportion of their tutoring or instructional time, working on English language acquisition, conversational fluency, and pronunciation.

This CLLS grant is awarded in one payment of \$20,000 for FY 2023. Funds will pay for part-time staff costs and instructional materials and supplies.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

Approval of the Resolution would authorize the establishment of a Library Grants Fund appropriation of \$20,000 and corresponding revenue budget.

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:

Agenda Report posted within 72 hours of meeting date and time in accordance with Brown Act.

ORDINANCE:

Not Applicable

EXHIBITS:

1. State Library Award Letter Agreement and Certificate of Compliance
2. Resolution