



# AGENDA REPORT

Department: Library and Community Services  
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Meeting Date: Tuesday, January 16, 2024  
Approved by: Benjamin A. Martinez, City Manager

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**SUBJECT:**

Packard Foundation Funded Stay and Play Grant Acceptance

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt the Resolution Entitled “Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Authorizing the City Manager or his Designee to Accept the Packard Foundation Funded Stay and Play Grant in the Amount of \$4,500 for FY 2024 and Authorizing the Establishment of a Library Grants Fund Appropriation of \$4,500 and Corresponding Revenue Budget.”

**BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE PRIOR ACTION:**

Approved by the Board of Library Trustees at the regular meeting of December 6, 2023.

**EXPLANATION:**

The National City Public Library will begin a Stay and Play pilot program in 2024, which will support the foundations of early literacy development within the home and family unit. Early literacy development contributes to strong communities and families. The focus is creating programming specifically designed for family, friends, and neighbor childcare providers. By incorporating meaningful play, structured story times, literacy guidance, and caregiver resources into daily routines and interactions, families can improve their overall communication and educational outcomes.

The Packard Foundation grant is designed to support the library’s early literacy goal. The Stay and Play program will begin by providing caregivers and children access to educational toys, books, art and craft supplies, and other manipulables that facilitate the interactions between child and caregiver. The program will also provide support for early language and literacy as well as provide guidance for caregivers and their families that demonstrate high-quality surroundings and connections with children that can be easily transferred to their in-home settings.

This Packard Foundation grant is awarded in one payment of \$4,500 for FY 2024. Funds will pay for instructional materials and supplies.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT:**

Adoption of the Resolution would authorize the establishment of a Library Grants Fund appropriation of \$4,500 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:**

The Agenda Report was posted within 72 hours of the meeting date and time in accordance with  
the Ralph M. Brown Act.

**ORDINANCE:**

Not Applicable

**EXHIBITS:**

Exhibit A – Stay and Play Acceptance Email

Exhibit B – Packard Stay and Play Grant Claim Form

Exhibit C – Resolution