



CITY OF LONG BEACH

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DEPARTMENT OF LIBRARY SERVICES

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July 5, 2016

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to accept \$5,000 in grant funds from 8-80 Cities and the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation (Knight Foundation), for a proposed Book Bike program; execute any documents necessary for the implementation and administration of this program; and,

Increase appropriations in the General Grants Fund (SR 120) in the Library Services Department (LS) by \$5,000. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

On May 3, 2016, the Department of Library Services was selected as an Emerging City Champion by 8-80 Cities and the Knight Foundation, to launch a Book Bike program to deliver library services via bicycle at community events throughout the City. Services provided will include checkout/returns and library card registration using a mobile device. The Book Bike program was successfully tested during the 2016 Beach Streets event with a borrowed oversized tricycle. The video of the successful test run was submitted and was a critical component that contributed to the grant award.

The Knight Foundation invests in civic innovators who help cities attract and keep talented people, expand economic opportunity and create a culture of engagement. The Emerging City Champions Program is "a fellowship program for young civic innovators with transformative ideas." The proposed Book Bike program will further the goals of the Emerging City Champions Program by helping to develop an innovative micro-program that will enhance the libraries efforts at community outreach and help to bring library services and awareness of library programs into the larger Long Beach community.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Amy R. Webber on June 7, 2016 and by Budget Analysis Officer Rhutu Amin Gharib on June 20, 2016.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on July 5, 2016, to receive the grant funds.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The grant has been awarded for an amount not to exceed \$5,000, with no City matching requirement. An appropriation increase is requested in the General Grants Fund (SR 120) in the Library Services Department (LS) for \$5,000 to implement the Book Bike program. There is no local job impact associated with this recommendation.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



GLEND A WILLIAMS
DIRECTOR OF LIBRARY SERVICES

APPROVED:



PATRICK H. WEST
CITY MANAGER

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