

CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF LIBRARY SERVICES

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March 12, 2019

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute an agreement, and any necessary amendments, with the American Library Association (ALA) to accept and expend grant funding in the amount of \$1,200, for a Great Stories Club; and,

Increase appropriations in the General Grants Fund (SR 120) in the Library Services Department (LS) by \$1,200, offset by grant revenue. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

The Library Services Department (Library) grant application to the American Library Association (ALA) was approved. The Library was awarded grant funding in the amount of \$1,200 for a Truth, Racial Healing and Transformation Great Stories Club for the theme "Finding Your Voice: Speaking Truth to Power."

The Library was selected as one of 70 libraries nationwide to take part in this grant – a reading and discussion program for underserved teens. Library staff will work with teens to read and discuss stories exploring questions of race, equity, identity, history, institutional change, and social justice. Additionally, the Library will receive 11 copies each of 4 related books, for a total of 44 books. With this funding and materials, the Library will be able to send one employee to a grant orientation/workshop, instructing them to lead book clubs and discussions with the underserved teen population.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Amy R. Webber on February 6, 2019 and by Budget Management Officer Rhutu Amin Gharib on February 18, 2019.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on March 12, 2019, to receive and expend grant funding.

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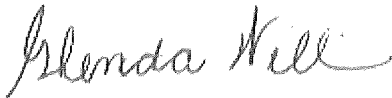
FISCAL IMPACT

The City will receive grant funding in the amount of \$1,200 for the Great Stories Club. An appropriations increase is requested in the amount of \$1,200 in the General Grants Fund (SR 120) in the Library Services Department (LS), offset by grant revenue. 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