



CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF LIBRARY SERVICES

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August 21, 2018

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute an agreement with the California State Library to accept and expend grant funding in the amount of \$73,842, for the Khmer-Language Materials Cataloging Project; and,

Increase appropriations in the General Grants Fund (SR 120) in the Library Services Department (LS) by \$73,842, offset by grant revenue. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

The Library Services Department was selected as a recipient of Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant funding, administered by the California State Library, to implement the Khmer-Language Materials Cataloging Project. This grant will fund fluent Khmer-English translators to translate and catalog a significant portion of the Khmer-language collection at the Mark Twain Neighborhood Library, enhancing Khmer material accessibility for library patrons.

The goal of this project is to add Khmer-script records for approximately 1,000 Khmer-language books to the Library's online catalog. With Long Beach being home to the largest population of Cambodians outside of Cambodia, this project increases access to the online catalog for Khmer-reading patrons and supports the City's Language Access Policy.

The Long Beach Public Library houses the largest Khmer-language collection of any public library in the United States. Cataloging this collection further promotes diversity, culture, reading, literacy, and language skills.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Amy R. Webber on July 30, 2018 and by Budget Management Officer Rhutu Amin Gharib on August 3, 2018.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on August 21, 2018, to receive and expend grant funding.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The City will receive grant funding in the amount of \$73,842 for Khmer-language translation and cataloging services. An increase in appropriations in the General Grants Fund (SR 120) in the Library Services Department (LS) by \$73,842 is requested to cover the cost of these services, offset by grant revenue. No match or in-kind service mandate is required. 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