

Agenda Report

Date: September 10, 2001

TO: City Council

THROUGH: Finance Committee

SUBJECT: Amendment to the FY 2002 CIP to include the "Allendale Library Joint Use Project and the La Pintoresca Branch Library Expansion and Renovation Project" for the purpose of undertaking the planning process for library grant application projects under the California Public Library Construction and Renovation Act (Proposition 14).

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that City Council:

1. Approve staff's recommendation to submit the "Allendale Joint Use Project and the La Pintoresca Branch Library Expansion and Renovation Project" for Proposition 14 competitive funding.
2. Amend the FY 2002 CIP Budget to include a project titled the "Allendale Library Joint Use Project and the La Pintoresca Branch Library Expansion and Renovation Project" for the initial planning and design.
3. Approve a journal voucher transferring \$199,139 from the Bank of America litigation settlement (5085-101) to the CIP account for the "Allendale Library Joint Use Project and the La Pintoresca Library Expansion and Renovation Project".

LIBRARY COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

At the August 15, 2001 Library Commission meeting a motion was made and unanimously approved to support the Library's efforts to apply for Proposition 14 funding for the Allendale and La Pintoresca Branch Library projects.

BACKGROUND:

In March 2000, California voters approved Proposition 14 the California Public Library Construction and Renovation Act, which provides up to 350 million dollars in statewide grants for public library construction and renovation. The competitive grants shall fund 65% of the eligible project costs, up to a state grant maximum amount of \$20 million. The local grant recipient must provide 35% of all eligible project costs. Grant recipients must also provide 100% of any other associated project costs, which are not considered eligible for the purposes of the Library Bond Act.

FUNDING PRIORITIES:

For construction of new public library facilities, first priority shall be given to joint use projects in which the agency that operates the library and one or more school districts have a cooperative agreement.

For remodeling or rehabilitation of existing public library facilities first priority shall be given to public library projects in the attendance areas of public schools that are determined, pursuant to regulations adopted by the board, to have inadequate infrastructure to support access to computers and other educational technology.

The Department of Information Services is in the initial stages of planning for two projects that have the strongest possibility for funding based on the established criteria and state priority for funding. Each project is described in the following summary:

Allendale Library Joint Use Project:

This project would replace the current 3,172 square foot Allendale Branch Library with a new joint use library that would serve the Allendale neighborhood as well as meet the needs of students attending Allendale Elementary and Blair High schools. The initial concept calls for a footprint of approximately 10,500 square feet and would include an expanded library collection, a computer technology lab and a multi-purpose use meeting room. Staff from the Department of Information Services and the Pasadena Unified School District has begun preliminary discussions on the formal agreement that would define the specific role and function of the joint use library. These initial discussions with officials from the Pasadena Unified School District have met with enthusiastic support.

La Pintaresca Branch Library Expansion and Remodel:

This project would be submitted under the priority given to public library projects in the attendance areas of public schools that are determined to have inadequate infrastructure to support access to computers and other educational technology. The La Pintaresca Branch currently serves the largest population of youth and students ages 19 and under of all nine branch libraries and provides support to seventeen public, private and pre- schools in its service area. The proposed project would expand and renovate the library to accommodate a new technology learning center (computer lab), headquarter space for the Pasadena Reads Adult Literacy Program, renovate the meeting room space and provide additional space for an expanded book collection.

GRANT APPLICATION TIMELINE:

Rulemaking for the Title 5 and Title 24 Regulations that will serve as the basis for the grant application process are currently underway with completion and adoption scheduled for January 2002. It is anticipated that the first application cycle will be June 14, 2002 with subsequent deadlines of March 28, 2003 for the second cycle and January 16, 2004 for the third and final cycle (See attached revised timeline for the Library Bond Act).

CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY:

A new joint use library serving the Allendale Elementary and Blair High School can serve as a model for collaboration with the Pasadena Unified School District. Neither school has an adequate school library or technology to support the needs of students. The facility would also provide enhanced service to the Allendale neighborhood residents through expanded library resources and meeting room facilities.

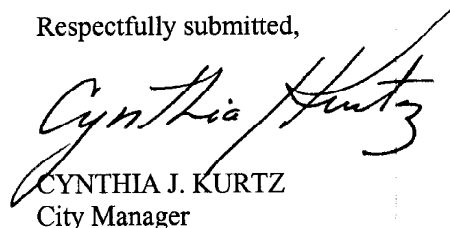
The expansion and renovation of the La Pintesca Branch Library will have a similar positive impact on children, youth and families in a neighborhood that serves the largest number of youth under the age of nineteen and will complement the current services offered through the Human Services, Recreation and Neighborhoods Department at the La Pintesca Park.

These improvements at the Allendale and La Pintesca libraries will have a significant positive impact on the resources, services and programs available for children, youth and families.

FISCAL IMPACT:

A total of \$199,139.00 is available in settlement account 5085-101. These funds were approved by previous Council action to be used for the matching funds requirement for library capital improvements submitted under Proposition 14 Grants. Funds will be used to retain architectural and needs assessment consultants for both library projects. Any balance will be available towards the 35% local match requirement, which will need to be met should one, or both of the grant applications be successful. Eligible costs will be reimbursed to the City of Pasadena by the State should the grant applications be awarded.

Respectfully submitted,



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