

Agenda Report

March 13, 2023

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

THROUGH: Finance Committee

FROM: Department of Libraries and Information Services

SUBJECT: RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$42,981 FROM THE BLACK GOLD COOPERATIVE LIBRARY SYSTEM TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION SERVICES' FISCAL YEAR 2023 OPERATING BUDGET

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Find that the proposed action is not a project subject to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to Section 21065 of CEQA and Sections 15060(c)(2), 15060(c)(3), and 15378 of the State CEQA Guidelines and, as such, no environmental document pursuant to CEQA is required for the project; and
2. Recognize and appropriate \$42,981 from the Black Gold Cooperative Library System to the Department of Libraries and Information Services' Fiscal Year 2023 Operating Budget to support the Black Gold: Stronger Together Early Learning Hub Grant project

BACKGROUND:

On January 31, 2023, the City of Pasadena Office of the Young Child ("OYC"), through the Pasadena Public Library ("Library"), was awarded a grant in the amount of \$42,981 by the Black Gold Cooperative Library System. The Black Gold Cooperative Library System administers the *Black Gold: Stronger Together Early Learning Hub Grant* program on behalf of the California State Library. This funding will be used to enhance the capacity of the OYC to coordinate the Growing Together PASadena network and launch a Welcome Baby campaign with Community Partners introducing families of newborns to early learning resources.

Growing Together PASadena is a network of community-based hub sites and partner agencies serving the catchment area of the Pasadena Unified School District. Partner agencies include Families Forward Learning Center, Pacific Clinics Early Head Start, Altadena Public Library, Sierra Madre Public Library, Kidspace Museum, All Saints Church Foster Care Project, and the Pasadena Public Health Department. These organizations provide welcoming community spaces where families of children under age 5 receive support and resources related to parenting, child development, and social determinants of health.

The Library must provide at least 30% in matching funds, which will be provided in the form of in-kind personnel costs, supplies, and services. The project period is expected to end February 29, 2024. Upon completion of this grant there will be no additional costs to the Library.

COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

This action would support the City Council's strategic planning goals of supporting and promoting the quality of life and local economy by providing early learning resources for families of newborns.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

The action proposed herein is not a project subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with Section 21065 of CEQA and State CEQA Guidelines Section 15060(c)(2), 15060(c)(3), and 15378. The acceptance and appropriation of grant funding to enhance the capacity of the OYC is a government fiscal activity that does not involve a direct or reasonable foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. Therefore, the proposed action is not a "project" subject to CEQA, as defined in Section 21065 of CEQA and Section 15378 of the State CEQA Guidelines. Since the action is not a project subject to CEQA, no environmental document is required.

FISCAL IMPACT:

If approved, the Department's Fiscal Year 2023 Operating Budget will be increased by \$42,981 for project implementation, program supplies and services. There is no impact to the General Fund as a result of this action.

Respectfully submitted,



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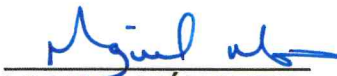


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Attachments:

Attachment A – Grant award letter