



AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: December 16, 2008
Item Number: F-10
To: Honorable Mayor & City Council
From: Nancy Hunt-Coffey, Assistant Director of Community Services/City Librarian
Subject: ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF OUT OF SCHOOL TIME ONLINE HOMEWORK HELP GRANT, HELEN LOUISE JACKSON TRUST DONATION, DONATION FROM FRIENDS OF THE BEVERLY HILLS LIBRARY ON BEHALF OF THE HARRIS VISUALLY HANDICAPPED FUND, AND DONATION FROM SAMUEL GOLDWYN FOUNDATION

Attachments:

INTRODUCTION

The Library applied for and received an Out of School Time Online Homework Help grant from the State of California. The Library also received a generous donation of \$75,000 from the Helen Louise Jackson Trust and a donation of \$2000 from the Samuel Goldwyn Foundation. Finally, the Library received a donation of \$1390 from the Friends of the Beverly Hills Public Library on behalf of the Harris Visually Handicapped Fund for the purchase of large type books for children. Staff requests that the City Council accept these funds and appropriate them for technology and capital improvements at the Library.

DISCUSSION

Out of School Time Online Homework Help Grant

The Library was recently awarded an Out of School Time Online Homework Help grant from the California State Library. The grant is for \$3650 and will provide for approximately 75% of the cost for a one year subscription to Tutor.com, an online tutoring service which allows students to work real time with tutors over the web. This service will be available to library card holders during the afterschool and evening hours to provide homework help. If successful, the grant can be renewed for 2 additional years at lower amounts of funding. While the dollar amount of the grant is small, it should be noted that the grant application is weighted to favor communities that serve low income students, low-performing schools and communities that lack assistance programs. While Beverly Hills does not really meet these criteria, staff was still able to build a strong case for the need, and as a result the grant was awarded.

Helen Louise Jackson Trust

The Library recently received a donation of \$75,000 from the Helen Louise Jackson Trust. The funds may be used at the Library's discretion. Staff is asking that the \$75,000 be allocated for the purchase of new furnishings, shelving in the adult area of the library and for an additional self service kiosk which will tie into our new Pharos software system. As some of the furnishings will upgrade Meeting Room North in the Library, a framed acknowledgement of Ms. Jackson will be hung in this space to commemorate her generous donation.

Samuel Goldwyn Foundation

The Library is a thankful recipient of a donation of \$2000 from the Samuel Goldwyn Foundation. These funds may be used at the Library's discretion and the Library staff requests that the City Council accept and approve the funds for furnishings for the Library.

Friends of the Beverly Hills Public Library

The Library received a donation of \$1390 from the Friends of the Beverly Hills Public Library on behalf of the Harris Visually Handicapped Fund to purchase large type books for children.

FISCAL IMPACT

If the City Council chooses to accept the Out of School Time Online Homework Help grant, \$3650 would be added to the Library's materials budget. Please note that the funding for this grant has been awarded, but has not yet been received. When it is received, it will be appropriated to the Library's materials budget.

If the City Council accepts the Jackson Trust, \$75,000 would be added to the Library's CIP account for Library's Facility's Maintenance & Improvement (#0838).

If the City Council accepts the Samuel Goldwyn Foundation donation, \$2000 would be allocated to the Library's CIP account for Library's Facility's Maintenance & Improvement (#0838).

If the City Council accepts the Friends of the Beverly Hills Public Library donation, \$1390 would be allocated to the Library's materials budget.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff requests that the City Council, accept and appropriate the donations and grants as outlined above, including the Out of School Time grant, the Helen Louise Jackson Trust donation, the Friends of the Beverly Hills Public Library and the Samuel Goldwyn Foundation donation.



Nancy Hunt-Coffey

Approved By