



Contra Costa County

To: Board of Supervisors
From: Barbara Flynn, Library
Date: January 22, 2013

Subject: Apply for and Accept a Grant in the Amount of \$20,000 from National Endowment for the Arts

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Librarian, or designee, to apply for and accept a grant in the amount of \$20,000 from the National Endowment for the Arts to provide programming and materials for the period of September 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No library fund match.

BACKGROUND:

The Big Read is a program of the National Endowment for the Arts. The purpose of the grant is to revitalize the role of literature in American culture and to encourage citizens to read for pleasure and enlightenment. The Big Read will bring together the diverse communities of Contra Costa County in reading and discussing a single book, Fahrenheit 451, by Ray Bradbury. The Big Read will provide the library with funds for programming and for purchasing 10,000 copies of Fahrenheit 451, to be distributed throughout libraries as well as in middle and high school classes. In addition to funding, the grant provides resources such as school curriculum guides and promotional materials designed to support widespread community and student involvement.

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **01/22/2013** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

VOTE OF SUPERVISORS

AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor
Candace Andersen, District II Supervisor
Mary N. Piepho, District III Supervisor
Karen Mitchoff, District IV Supervisor
Federal D. Glover, District V Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: January 22, 2013

David Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: Carrie Del Bonta, Deputy

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CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

The library will not be able to provide the intended cultural and reading enrichment programming to students and communities throughout Contra Costa County.

CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

The Big Read grant meets outcomes #1, #2 and #5 as established in the Children's Report Card. Funding from the grant will provide direct curriculum support for middle and high school students to help them succeed in school and programming that will prepare them for adulthood in a democratic society. Grant funding will also provide a high quality of literary programming for teens and promote inter-generational discussion.