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To: Board of Supervisors
From: Cathy Sanford, Interim County Librarian
Date: January 7, 2014

Subject: APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Librarian, or Designee, to apply for and accept a grant in the amount of \$10,000 from the California State Library.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Interim County Librarian, or designee, to apply for and accept a Library Services and Technology Act grant for the Early Learning with Families @ Your Library 2.0 Initiative, in the amount of \$10,000 from the California State Library to produce early learning play centers in 12 high-need library locations, for the period December 20, 2013 through June 1, 2014.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There will be a Library Fund Match of \$10,000 which is budgeted in FY 2013-14 with funds from the Wilross Children's Library Trust.

BACKGROUND:

As part of the 2013-14 Statewide Initiative for Early Learning with Families (ELF) @ Your Library 2.0, a targeted and competitive funding opportunity of up to \$10,000 per library jurisdiction will allow for the improvements of twelve library locations' children's areas. Public libraries are important community centers with the ability to reach families, caregivers, and childcare providers from all walks of life. Early Learning with Families 2.0 (ELF 2.0) initiative is intended to further the evolution of library services to young children,

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **01/07/2014** ☒ 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 7, 2014

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

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their families

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

and caregivers. When experiences and library surroundings delight in inquiry, encourage discovery, invite play, and nurture parent/child bonds, they naturally lead to children's development and learning. The initiative places public libraries as the place where learning begins as a way of life that lasts a lifetime.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

The Library will not participate in the State Library's Early Learning with Families (ELF) @ Your Library 2.0.

CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

The Early Learning with Families (ELF) @ Your Library 2.0 supports two community outcomes: #1) Children ready for and succeeding in school; and #4) Families that are safe, stable and nurturing, as established in the Children's Report Card. Through the creation of Early Learning Play Centers young children will experience new surroundings that delight in inquiry, encourage discovery, invite play, and nurture parent/child bonds, which naturally leads to children's development and learning. Public libraries are important community centers with the ability to reach families, caregivers, and childcare providers, and Early Learning Play Centers will encourage the development of early literacy skills which are fundamental for children's success in preschool along with reinforcing the nurturing parent-child bond through the shared experience of learning through play.