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To: Board of Supervisors  
From: Jessica Hudson, County Librarian  
Date: January 5, 2016

Subject: Grant from the California Library Association

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the County Librarian, or designee, to apply for and accept a grant in an amount not to exceed \$1,000 from the California Library Association and the Re(a)d Zone to launch Summer Reading 2016 at the El Pueblo and DeAnza Gardens public housing developments in Pittsburg and Bay Point, for the period January 1 through December 30, 2016.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

No Library Fund match.

**BACKGROUND:**

The California Library Association (CLA) and the *Re(a)d Zone* are providing grants to support outreach strategies for promoting Summer Reading. The amount between \$750 - \$1,000 will be determined by CLA based on other funding commitments. The Library has not received this particular grant previously, but has received funding from the Re(a)d Zone for programs and services at the Pittsburg Library. Funds from this grant will be used to launch Summer Reading 2016 at the El Pueblo and DeAnza Gardens public housing developments in Pittsburg and Bay Point. The Library will hire professional performers for

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **01/05/2016** ☒ 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 5, 2016

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

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events in early June at community centers located in the housing developments in order to get the families excited about participating in the Summer Reading game that emphasizes reading and participation in STEM learning opportunities. Library staff will continue to visit the community centers on a weekly basis throughout the summer. Providing the almost 1,000 children in residence at the two centers a no-cost opportunity to participate in Summer Reading will combat "summer slide", which puts children at risk for falling behind in school.

### CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Outreach Summer Reading launch events will still be provided, if possible, but the grant funding will allow for more outreach events serving the greatest number of underserved children, teens and families.

### CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

This project supports two of the community outcomes established in the Children's Report Card: Children Ready for and Succeeding in School and Children and Youth Healthy and Preparing for Productive Adulthood. Studies consistently show that participation in summer reading programs impacts school success and combats summer slide, which is the loss of skills that occur between school years. Children who do not read at home are not ready to succeed in school and each year they slip further behind their classmates and are less likely to graduate. Succeeding in school and graduating prepares our young people to become productive adults ready to contribute positively to their communities.