



**Contra  
Costa  
County**

To: Board of Supervisors  
From: Melinda Cervantes, County Librarian  
Date: January 17, 2017

Subject: Grant in the Amount of \$4,500 From the Romance Writers of America

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**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the County Librarian, or designee, to apply for and accept a grant in the amount of \$4,500 from the Romance Writers of America to provide programming and collection development funding for the period February 1, 2017 through February 28, 2018.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

No Library Fund match.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Romance Writers of America Library Grant is offered by the Romance Writers of America and presented by the Public Library Association. The Romance Writers of America (RWA) is a national non-profit professional organization representing romance authors, with associate and affiliate memberships granted to publishing industry professionals and librarians, respectively. RWA was founded in 1980 and annually bestows the most prominent romance fiction awards, the RITAs. Contra Costa County Library has not previously been awarded the PLA Romance Writers of America Library Grant.

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD

ADMINISTRATOR

COMMITTEE

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Action of Board On: **01/17/2017** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

**VOTE OF SUPERVISORS**

AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor

Candace Andersen, District II Supervisor

Diane Burgis, 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 17, 2017

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

By: Rolanda Hartfield, Deputy

Contact: 925-927-3290

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This grant will benefit the Contra Costa County Library by enabling it to host a Romance Festival in February 2018. This event will showcase the abundant subgenres within the Romance genre, promote literacy and a love of reading and focus attention on the Library's collections and events. It will also fulfill the Library's mission of bringing people

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and ideas together. Grant funds will also be used to purchase titles reflecting the wide range of subgenres that will be explored at the Romance Festival. Many of these subgenres (LGBTQ, Ethnic, Christian, etc.) may reflect library target audiences that are underserved and/or underrepresented in the Library's collection.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

There will be no Romance Festival nor funds to add additional romance titles to the collection.