



Contra  
Costa  
County

To: Board of Supervisors  
From: Melinda Cervantes, County Librarian  
Date: April 18, 2017

Subject: Library Services & Technology Act Grant

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the County Librarian, or designee, to apply for and to accept a Library Services & Technology Act Grant in the amount of \$16,000 for the Idea Box, a program designed to collect and implement ideas from children throughout Contra Costa County, for the period July 1, 2017 through August 30, 2018.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

No Library Fund match.

**BACKGROUND:**

This Library Services & Technology Act (LSTA) Pitch-An-Idea Grant is awarded by the State of California on an annual cycle. This grant proposal was developed by the Senior Community Library Manager at the Pleasant Hill Community Library as an expansion of a previous LSTA grant in 2011 and 2012 to engage youth in bringing their ideas – and new library programs – to life throughout the county with the “Idea Box.”

Between 2017 and 2018, five community libraries (one in each supervisorial district in Contra Costa County) will fabricate a Rube Goldberg-inspired idea-collection contraption

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **04/18/2017** ☒ 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: April 18, 2017

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

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called the Idea Box, based on the successful previous prototype. See [www.youtube.com/watch?v=LpW5tryUDHA&t=1s](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LpW5tryUDHA&t=1s) for a video of the original Idea Box in action. Throughout Spring of 2018, children in our communities will be encouraged to submit thousands of ideas, which will ultimately inspire a series of 10 projects in and around the participating libraries during the course of 2018's Summer Reading Program.

**CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:**

The library will not implement the proposal.

**CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:**

The Idea Box casts youth as visionary influencers in their own lives and the lives of others, thereby supporting the outcome established in the Children's Report Card: Children and Youth Healthy and Preparing for Productive Adulthood. By bringing their ideas to the box and working with others to bring those ideas to life, child participants will recognize the value of their imaginations and their power to act on them as contributing members of our community.