



Contra
Costa
County

To: Board of Supervisors
From: Melinda Cervantes, County Librarian
Date: December 19, 2017

Subject: Grant in the Amount of \$2,250 from CA State Library

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the County Librarian, or designee, to apply for and accept a grant in the amount of \$2,250 from California State Library and the California Center for the Book to provide for author visits for the period December 4, 2017 through June 2018.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No Library Fund match.

BACKGROUND:

Though some of our Contra Costa County Libraries have received Book-to-Action grants in the past, this is the first time for the Bay Point/Pittsburg communities to do so.

The Book-to-Action grant is based on civic engagement, developing a community service project using a book as the focal point. *Maybe Something Beautiful: How Art Transformed a Neighborhood*, a picture book illustrated by award-winning Mexican American illustrator and muralist Rafael López, was inspired by his transformation of his San Diego neighborhood. He continues to bring his vibrant murals to communities around the country and on May 12, 2018 will be bringing his joyful art to Bay Point. On that day, in honor of El

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **12/19/2017** ☒ 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: December 19, 2017

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

By: June McHuen, Deputy

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cc:

Día de los Niños/El Día de los Libros, we will celebrate with stories, music, dance, food and gallons of brightly colored paint. Children, their families and community members will become the painters creating this unique community artwork. Each child who

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

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participates will receive an autographed copy of *Maybe Something Beautiful* to take home as a remembrance of their contribution to beautifying the Bay Point community. To further encourage literacy and participation in the community mural project, the library will create a StoryWalk® at each of the four elementary schools in Bay Point and will host a number of events throughout the month of April at the Bay Point and Pittsburg Libraries in support of this community project.

Funds from the Book-to-Action grant will be used to help fund Rafael's design and travel expenses.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Though we do have corporate sponsorship to support a large portion of this project, the Book-to-Action funds will enable us to provide a richer and more encompassing project for the Bay Point and Pittsburg communities.

CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

The "Maybe Something Beautiful" Book-to-Action grant supports the "Children Ready for and Succeeding in School" and "Communities that are Safe and Provide a High Quality of Life for Children and Families" outcomes. By bringing this Community Mural project to the elementary schools in Bay Point, we are encouraging family participation and emphasizing the role of books in developing their children's literacy and sense of community.