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To: Board of Supervisors
From: Melinda Cervantes, County Librarian
Date: June 26, 2018

Subject: Grant in the amount of \$10,000 from California State Library

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the County Librarian, or designee, to apply for and accept a grant in the amount of \$10,000 from California State Library to purchase bilingual and foreign language books for the period of July, 1 2018 through June 30, 2019.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No Library Fund match.

BACKGROUND:

The California State Library is offering an opportunity to public libraries to receive funding to purchase bilingual and monolingual books in the following languages: Arabic, Chinese, Farsi, Hindi, Khmer, Korean, Russian, Spanish, Tagalog and Vietnamese.

California is home to more than 10 million immigrants. The latest available data show that nearly 27% of California's population is foreign born, about twice the U.S. percentage overall. One in four of the foreign-born population in the U.S. lives in our state.

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD

ADMINISTRATOR

COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **06/26/2018** ☒ 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: June 26, 2018

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

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BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

Public libraries play a key role in welcoming and educating immigrants. The Immigrant Alliance Project was created to support libraries as they create, enhance, and extend services to immigrants and their families.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

The books will not be purchased to enhance the library's bilingual children's collection.

CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

The enhancement of the bilingual children's collection directly contributes to outcome number one on the Children's Report Card: Children Ready For and Succeeding in School by providing materials that will enable them to bridge the gap between the language spoken in their home and the English language spoken at school and elsewhere.