



**Contra
Costa
County**

To: Board of Supervisors
From: Melinda Cervantes, County Librarian
Date: July 14, 2020

Subject: Grant from California State Library for Library Literacy Services for FY 2020 - 2021

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the County Librarian, or designee, to apply for and accept California State Library grant funding in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 for Project Second Chance (PSC), the Contra Costa County Library adult literacy program, and to provide adult literacy services for the period July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funds committed to Project Second Chance by the Contra Costa County Library, foundation grants, and private donations will be matched by the California State Library using a funding formula based on: The State Library's budget for adult literacy, the number of students served by Project Second Chance and the total amount of local funding that the Contra Costa County Library certifies will be allocated to support Project Second Chance. For fiscal year 2020/21, the Library has pledged adult literacy funds currently budgeted in the amount of **\$611,134** (85% Library fund and 15% California State Library).

BACKGROUND:

Project Second Chance was founded in 1984 with a grant from the California State Library. It is an adult literacy program that supports volunteer tutors that deliver basic literacy

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD

ADMINISTRATOR

COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **07/14/2020** ☒ 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: July 14, 2020

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

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instruction to individuals who read or write below the 6th grade level.

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

In 2003, AB 1266 was passed. Article 4.6, Section 18880-18884 of that bill, established the California Library Literacy and English Acquisition Services Program, and the formula that determines how local funds generated by individual library jurisdictions, are matched by the California State Library, using funds legislated specifically for this purpose.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

The Library will not receive California State Library funding for adult literacy, reducing the number of students that can be served.