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To: Board of Supervisors From: Alison McKee, County Librarian Date: June 21, 2022

Subject: California State Library Grant

## **RECOMMENDATION(S):**

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the County Librarian, or designee, to apply for and accept a grant in the amount of \$657,001 from the California State Library to purchase equipment and professional services to implement high-speed broadband networking for all library locations, for the period May 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

## FISCAL IMPACT:

No Library fund match.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The Library completed transition to the CENIC network in February 2022. Working with DOIT and General Datatech (GDT), the project required upgrading wide area network equipment between Library Administration and CENIC. If funded, this grant will continue work with DOIT and General Datatech to replace obsolete equipment with a secure high-speed network between Library Administration and 26 branches.

The library began Internet services in the late 1990s. Using scarce dollars and homegrown

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experience, the library was able to offer Internet access to the public across all locations. Some of the equipment to be replaced in this project dates back to the original network installation. The library will work with DOIT and GDT to remove obsolete equipment and procure state-of-the-art networking equipment that will be installed in designated locations. The library and DOIT will be trained on operation and upkeep of all equipment installed. The grant will also fund additional Cat 6 cabling at 15 library branches and Project Second Chance. Additional cabling will close gaps between network services and equipment within these locations, thereby increasing library services such as public printing.

This project meets the library strategic goal, "The library ensures easy, equitable access to library services for all Contra Costa County residents."

## **CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:**

If the grant is not funded then the library will not upgrade obsolete equipment at branch libraries.