Contra Costa County

To: **Board of Supervisors**

From: Barbara Flynn, County Librarian

Date: January 10, 2012

Subject: Apply for and Accept an LSTA Grant in the Amount of \$5,000 from the California State Library

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Librarian, or designee, to apply for and accept an Library Services and Technology Act grant in the amount of \$5,000 from the California State Library to provide funds to the Concord Library to help veterans adjust to civilian life by connecting them to the community through book discussion groups, recording their stories for the Library of Congress' Veterans History Project, and providing a workshop on how to access veteran benefits for the period January 1, 2012 through September 30, 2012.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No library fund match.

BACKGROUND:

Veterans Connect will help returned veterans readjust to civilian life by providing them a series of programs and services to be held at the Concord Library that will leave them better connected to the community and fellow veterans. To accomplish this, the library will provide these veterans with book discussion groups that will connect them to the community through story. The library will also collect veteran personal histories for the Library of Congress Veterans

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▼ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR							
Action of	Board On: 01/10/2012	✓ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER					
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VOTE OF SUPERVISORS							
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	Mary N. Piepho, District III	Thereby cortify that this is a true and correct convert on action taken and entered on the minutes of the					
	Supervisor Karen Mitchoff, District IV 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: January 10, 2012					
	Federal D. Glover, District V Supervisor	David Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors					
ABSENT:	Gayle B. Uilkema, District II Supervisor	By: June McHuen, Deputy					
Contact: Gail McPartland, 925-927-3204							

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

History Project, and screen these personal stories for the community and other veterans. Lastly, the library will provide information workshop to help veterans connect with available benefits. The result will be a community of veterans served by their community, better connected through story, and supported with critical information resources.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If the grant funds are not approved then the library will not be able to hold the Veterans Connect programs.

CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

Not applicable.