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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: July 20, 2021

DATE: June 24, 2021
TO: Board of County Commissioners
FROM: Andrea Tavener, Library Development Officer
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THROUGH: Jeff Scott, Library Director

SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve Federal 2020 LSTA Grant-in-Aid Award Funds from the State of Nevada in the amount of [\$54,000.00, no local match required] for a retroactive term of February 15, 2021, through August 31, 2021 for the augmentation of library collections, equipment, programs, and services; direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments; and authorize the Director to sign the grant award documents. (All Commission Districts.)

SUMMARY

The Library is requesting Board's approval of Federal 2020 Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Grant-in-Aid Award Funds from the State of Nevada in the amount of [\$54,000.00, no local match required] for a retroactive term of February 15, 2021 through August 31, 2021 for the augmentation of library collections, equipment, programs, and services; direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments; and authorize the Director to sign the grant award documents.

County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Stewardship of our community.

PREVIOUS ACTION

No Previous Action Taken.

BACKGROUND

The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) is the primary source of federal support for the nation's libraries and museums. Their goal is to advance, support, and empower America's museums, libraries, and related organizations through grantmaking, research, and policy development. Their vision is a nation where museums and libraries work together to transform the lives of individuals and communities. IMLS announced that the President signed the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA), which designates \$200 million in pandemic response funding for IMLS. Both chambers of Congress approved the stimulus plan, a \$1.9 trillion response to the continuing coronavirus pandemic.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

The \$200 million investment will enable IMLS to efficiently provide critical funding to State Library Administrative Agencies (SLAAs), located in every state and territory and with reach into local communities across the U.S. IMLS offers grants to libraries so that they may continue to respond to the COVID-19 health emergency.

IMLS supports libraries in Nevada through the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA), administered by the Nevada State Library, Archives & Public Records. LSTA funds are intended to help libraries develop their central roles in the community and are used to promote improvements in services to the users of all types of libraries. In addition, LSTA funds are targeted for statewide library services and support of a wide array of library programs.

On April 15, 2021, the State of Nevada announced the Evolving Needs Grant opportunity. Funding for these opt-in grant monies were formula based.

If approved, these grant awards will support the vital programs and services the Washoe County Library System provides to community, including support for the new programs and services throughout the past and upcoming year.

The reason for a retroactive approval is because the award documents were received on June 15, 2021, and were submitted at the earliest available BCC meeting.

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: Statewide Evolving Needs

Scope of the Project: These funds are non-competitive opt-in federal passthrough grant monies used to supplement budgets for public libraries throughout the State of Nevada. The \$54,000.00 awarded to the Washoe County Library System will be used to purchase new library collections, equipment, programs and services.

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: Grant funds will be used to purchase eBooks and downloadable audiobooks to support education and recreational reading for school-aged children.

Providing access to information, updated and relevant library materials, to the residents of Washoe County is the responsibility of the Washoe County Library System. These funds help the library fulfill that responsibility.

On-Going Program Support: N/A: Grant funds will not be used to support costs of ongoing programs.

Award Amount: \$54,000.00

Grant Period: February 15, 2021 – August 31, 2021

Funding Source: Institute of Museum and Library Service

Pass Through Entity: State of Nevada

CFDA Number: 45.310

Grant ID Number: 2020-31 WCLS

Match Amount and Type: None

Sub-Awards and Contracts: None

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the board accept this grant award and approve these amendments, the FY22 adopted budget will be increased by \$54,000.00 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

Cost Object	G/L Account	Amount
IO 11860 – LSTA Grant	431100 - Federal Grant-Revenue	\$54,000.00
IO 11860 – LSTA Grant	710314 - Library Materials	\$9,400.00
IO 11860 – LSTA Grant	710300 - Operating Supplies	\$2,000.00
IO 11860 – LSTA Grant	711504 - Equipment Non-Capital Expenditure	\$42,600.00

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation to approve Federal 2020 LSTA Grant-in-Aid Award Funds from the State of Nevada in the amount of [\$54,000.00, no local match required] for a retroactive term of February 15, 2021, through August 31, 2021, for the augmentation of library collections, equipment, programs, and services; direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments; and authorize the Director to sign the grant award documents.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be "move to approve Federal 2020 LSTA Grant-in-Aid Award Funds from the State of Nevada in the amount of [\$54,000.00, no local match required] for a retroactive term of February 15, 2021 through August 31, 2021 for the augmentation of library collections, equipment, programs, and services; direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments; and authorize the Director to sign the grant award documents."