



# WASHOE COUNTY

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## STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: January 3, 2023

**DATE:** Monday, December 5, 2022  
**TO:** Board of County Commissioners  
**FROM:** Jamie Hemingway, Interim Development Officer, Library  
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**THROUGH:** Jeff Scott, Library Director  
**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to approve a grant awarded to the Washoe County Library System from the American Association of University Women (AAUW) Community Education Grant in the amount of [\$1339.00 with no match required] for a retroactive term of July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023 for the purchase of a hydroponics Living Library Garden at the Incline Village Library; direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments; and authorize the Director to sign the grant award documents. (All Commission Districts.) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION.

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### **SUMMARY**

The Library is requesting Board's approval of a grant awarded to the Washoe County Library System from the American Association of University Women (AAUW) Community Education Grant in the amount of [\$1339.00 with no match required] for a retroactive term of July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023 for the purchase of a hydroponics Living Library Garden at the Incline Village Library; direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments; and authorize the Director to sign the grant award documents.

**Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item:** Innovative services, and provide welcoming spaces and school support.

### **PREVIOUS ACTION**

None.

### **BACKGROUND**

The Library received an award notification for an American Association of University Women (AAUW) Community Education Grant in the amount of \$1339.00. If accepted, the grant will be used to fund the Incline Village Library's hydroponics Living Library Garden. The Living Library Garden will bring fun and interest to STEAM based projects designed to meet the interest of children ages 8-13. Use of the garden will be

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incorporated into the library's Weird Science Wednesday program, and will provide direct education on the science of plant life, the technology of hydroponics, the engineering of the hydroponic system, and math to divide up the plants and plant them in the hydroponic system. The garden will meet two of the library's strategic goals; to provide welcoming spaces and school support.

The reason for a retroactive approval is because award documents were received on October 17, 2022, were submitted at the earliest available BCC meeting.

### **GRANT AWARD SUMMARY**

**Project/Program Name:** Living Library Garden

**Scope of the Project:** These funds are Community Education Grant monies to be used for the purchase and installation of a hydroponics garden at the Incline Village Library that will be incorporated into STEAM programs for all ages.

**Benefit to Washoe County Residents:** The Living Library Garden will bring agriculture into the library via a hydroponics garden, which will give the library the opportunity to educate our community on the science and technology of growing fruits and vegetables in a hydroponic system. The garden will be incorporated into the Incline Village Library's weekly STEAM program, which is of specific interest to children ages 8-13.

**On-Going Program Support:** Grant monies will be used to purchase a hydroponic column with grow light attachment, and starter plants. The long-term goal would be to sustain this with library gift funds which would help us replant as needed.

**Award Amount:** \$1339.00

**Grant Period:** July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023

**Funding Source:** American Association of University Women (AAUW)  
Tahoe Nevada

**Pass Through Entity:** N/A

**CFDA Number:** N/A

**Grant ID Number:** N/A

**Match Amount and Type:** None

**Sub-Awards and Contracts:** None

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Should the board accept this grant award and approve these amendments, the FY23 adopted budget will be increased by \$1339.00 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

<b>Cost Object &amp; Description</b>	<b>G/L Account &amp; Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
IO-29036 – AAUW GRANT	484195 – Non-Govt'l Grants	\$1339.00
IO-29036 – AAUW GRANT	711504 – Equipment Non-Capital	\$1339.00

Indirect costs are not allowable on this grant award as no salary or wages are included in the grant budget.

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners approve a grant awarded to the Washoe County Library System from the American Association of University Women (AAUW) Community Education Grant funds in the amount of [\$1339.00 with no match required] for a retroactive term of July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023 for the purchase of a hydroponics Living Library Garden at the Incline Village Library; 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 a grant awarded to the Washoe County Library System from the American Association of University Women (AAUW) Community Education Grant funds in the amount of [\$1339.00 with no match required] for a retroactive term of July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023 for the purchase of a hydroponics Living Library Garden at the Incline Village Library; direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments; and authorize the Director to sign the grant award documents.”*