

MEETING DATE: May 20, 2021

TO: Library Board of Trustees

FROM: Ken Homsley, Adult Services Division Manager

SUBJECT: CARES ACT BRIDGING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE PROJECT – HOTSPOTS

SUMMARY

Southern California Library Cooperative (SCLC) and the State Library partnered to provide Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) compliant California libraries funding to help bridge the digital divide.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the receipt of the funding.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

LIBRARY IMPACT

None.

DISCUSSION

As a CIPA compliant library, Fullerton Public Library has received \$7,000 in funding to acquire its choice of Chromebooks, hotspots, and data plans to help bridge our community's digital divide. In discussions amongst the Library Management Team, management has determined that the community would benefit the most from the purchase of 33 hotspots.

Southern California Library Cooperative (SCLC) is the fiscal sponsor of Fullerton Public Library and has been authorized to pay Mobile Citizen invoices pertaining to the one-time purchase of 33 Franklin T-9 hotspots and associated 12-month data plans on the library's behalf, inclusive of shipping and sales tax.