

**MEETING DATE:** June 24, 2021

**TO:** Library Board of Trustees

**FROM:** Ken Homsley, Adult Services Division Manager

**SUBJECT:** CARES ACT BRIDGING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE PROJECT – HOTSPOTS

#### SUMMARY

Due to the high cost of replacing hotspots, Library staff suggest adding a replacement fee of \$100.00 to cover any replacement costs required due to the loss of a Library hotspot and accessories.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

Approve adding a replacement fee of \$100.00 to the Library fee schedule for the non-return of library hotspots and accessories. Once approved this will go to Council for their approval as part of the 2021-22 City Fee Schedule.

#### FISCAL IMPACT

The Library received 33 Franklin T-9 hotspots with 12 months 30GB+ 4G LTE data-only plans (with no throttling, suspension or overage charges after 30 GB) for a total of \$6,967.95.

#### LIBRARY IMPACT

The Library was able to acquire 33 hotspots to help close the digital divide between families who have ready access to the internet and those who do not. By helping close the digital divide the Library can help ensure that Fullerton residents have the resources, skills, and connectivity to learn, engage, and thrive.

#### DISCUSSION

On May 20<sup>th</sup> the Library Board of Trustees approved the acceptance of 33 hotspots from Southern California Library Cooperative (SCLC) and the State Library. The hotspots arrived too late to be included in the

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. The cost for the replacement of the hotspot, hotspot charger, and carrying case is \$100.00.