

MEETING DATE: July 23, 2020

TO: Library Board of Trustees

FROM: Judy Booth, Library Director

SUBJECT: HUNT BRANCH LIBRARY UPDATE

SUMMARY

At their July 7 meeting council approved a state Construction Grant for \$2,500,000 administered by the California State Library to be used for infrastructure improvements to the Hunt Branch Library in anticipation of the building's use by the public for literacy, art, and cultural programming provided by a public-private partnership. City and Library staff continue to work toward an Agreement and file the necessary paperwork in order for the first payment of the Construction Grant to be received by the City and work on the Library to begin.

RECOMMENDATION

Receive and file.

FISCAL IMPACT

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DISCUSSION

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On July 8 City and Library staff met with representatives from Heritage Future and ArtsOC to hear their joint presentation regarding their proposal for the use of the Hunt Branch Library as part of an expected public-private partnership. City and Library staff continue to work toward an Agreement to present soon to Council for approval. The lease with Grace Ministries International ends on July 30, 2020. Library and City staff are coordinating the revitalization of the building and grounds. This will include securing the property as that had been the responsibility of the former lessee. Staff has received an ADA evaluation of the property and has ordered asbestos testing of the building to keep moving forward.

By July 31 Director Booth will have submitted the Construction Project Mid-Project Narrative and Financial Report to the State Library. Upon its approval by the State Library a claim form for the first payment of \$1,250,000 will be issued to the City to be acted upon and payment made.

Attachments:

City Council Meeting of July 7, 2020, Item #10: CALIFORNIA STATE LIBRARY GRANT FOR HUNT LIBRARY REVITALIZATION PROJECT – Agenda Letter.