Agenda Report
Fullerton City Council

MEETING DATE: JULY 17, 2018

TO: CITY COUNCIL / SUCCESSOR AGENCY

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SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA IMMIGRANT ALLIANCE PROJECT - BILINGUAL BOOKS GRANT FUNDED BY LIBRARY SERVICES AND TECHNOLOGY ACT

SUMMARY

The Library seeks approval for the receipt of grant funding for the California Immigrant Alliance Project – Bilingual Books Grant of $7500 funded by the federal Library Services and Technology Act.

RECOMMENDATION

Approve grant funding for the California Immigrant Alliance Project – Bilingual Books Grant funded by the federal Library Services and Technology Act.

PRIORITY POLICY STATEMENT

This item matches the following Priority Policy Statements:

- Fiscal and Organizational Stability

- Infrastructure and City Assets.

FISCAL IMPACT

This grant would increase the Children's Services Collection Development budget by $7500 to purchase bilingual books.

DISCUSSION

California is home to more than 10 million immigrants. The latest available data show that nearly 27% of California's population is foreign born, about twice the US percentage overall. Public libraries play a key role in welcoming and educating immigrants. The

Immigrant Alliance Project was created to support libraries as they create, enhance and extend services to immigrants and their families.

The 2017-18 Library Budget took a permanent 30% decrease in its Collection Development account and for Fiscal Year 2018-19 that account was approved to remain at the Fiscal Year 2017-18 level. The Collection Development account is used to purchase new materials such as books, DVD's, e-books and audiobooks to circulate among the Library's card holders. New materials keep our patrons engaged in reading, learning and continuing to use library resources. Based on our usage statistics and current holdings the library plans to spend the funds on bilingual books in the Spanish, Korean and Hindi languages for users ages pre-K through sixth grade.