



Agenda Report

Fullerton City Council

MEETING DATE: JULY 7, 2020

TO: CITY COUNCIL / SUCCESSOR AGENCY

SUBMITTED BY: KENNETH A. DOMER, CITY MANAGER

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SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA STATE LIBRARY GRANT FOR HUNT LIBRARY REVITALIZATION PROJECT

SUMMARY

A Construction Grant for \$2,500,000 administered by the California State Library will 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.

RECOMMENDATION

1. Approve a \$2,500,000 Construction Grant funded via the State Library from the 2019-20 State Budget for improvements to the Hunt Branch Library.
2. Authorize appropriation of receipt and use of the \$2,500,000 Construction Grant funds for Fiscal Year 2020-21 budget as necessary.

PRIORITY POLICY STATEMENT

This item matches the following Priority Policy Statements:

- Fiscal and Organizational Stability
- Infrastructure and City Assets.

FISCAL IMPACT

Increases available funding for needed facility improvements to the Hunt Branch Library.

DISCUSSION

As a result of the work by the Library Ad Hoc Committee to do outreach to the community regarding the possible uses of the Hunt Library, it submitted a Report to City Council which resulted in the release of a Request for Proposal (RFP). On June 2, 2020, City Council approved City staff to engage with respondents of joint proposal Heritage Future and ArtsOC on the future use of Hunt Branch Library.

As part of the 2019-20 State Budget, Assembly Member Sharon Quirk-Silva was able to secure funding in the amount of \$2,500,000 to be handled administratively through the State Library. The Construction Grant for the Hunt Library Revitalization Project has been granted by the State Library and now awaits approval by the City Council. The grant will allow for needed infrastructure and technology improvements which will assist with the provision of the proposed services to the community as well as repair and modernize electrical, mechanical, plumbing, and access issues to the city building, first built in 1962 and currently listed on the National Register of Historic Places.