



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 3/28/2023

File #: 23-346

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Libraries

Agenda Section: Consent

Vote Requirement: Majority

SUBJECT:

Memorandum of Understanding by and between the County of Humboldt and College of the Redwoods for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Authorize the Director of Library Services to execute the agreement by and between County of Humboldt and College of the Redwoods, at the Arcata Branch Library for free American Sign Language instruction; and
2. Direct the Clerk of the Board to return three executed copies of the grant agreement to the Humboldt County Library.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Library Fund (1500621)

DISCUSSION:

Humboldt County Library and the College of the Redwoods Adult and Community Education are partnering to provide free American Sign Language instruction in the Arcata Library's conference room. There is no charge to the College of the Redwoods for use of the rooms associated with the aforementioned class.

This class supports the library's mission statement, "we strengthen our community by educating inspiring, and connecting people."

Offering this class supports the library's values:

- **Community-** Provide opportunities for people to join together and participate in the life of our community
- **Learning** - Promote learning, literacy, and innovation
- **Inclusiveness** - Make cultural and intellectual resources available in an environment that

reflects diversity or the community and individual learning styles and abilities

- **Collaboration** - Work with partners toward a shared goal of strengthening our community

Additionally, this series of classes support the Humboldt County Library's (HCL) strategic plan goals as follows:

- Providing learning opportunities and recreational experiences
- Support workforce and economic prosperity
- Build community connections

The term of this agreement is Feb. 25, 2023, through June 30, 2023, and is coming to your board after the start date due to popular demand. This new section was added to the College of the Redwood's Spring 2023 Adult and Community Education schedule in mid-February.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no significant financial impact as class sessions will be held during regular library hours.

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:

This action supports your Board's Strategic Framework by protecting vulnerable populations providing community appropriate levels of services, supporting self-reliance of citizens, managing our resources to ensure sustainability of resources, fostering transparent accessible welcoming and user-friendly services, engaging new partners.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

College of the Redwoods
City of Arcata

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board could reject the proposal to collaborate with College of the Redwoods to offer this section of American Sign Language instruction. This is not recommended because this partnership supports your Board's Strategic Framework and the HCL's strategic plan outlined in the discussion section of this report.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Memorandum of Understanding by and between County of Humboldt and College of the Redwoods.
2. Humboldt County Library's Strategic Plan 2020-2024.

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.: C-18
Meeting of: February 7, 2023
File No.: 23-107