



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 12/16/2025

File #: 25-1409

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Libraries

Agenda Section: Consent

Vote Requirement: Majority

SUBJECT:

Accept Donations Support the Humboldt County Library in the Amount of \$187,000

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Accept donations to support the Humboldt County Library in the amount of \$187,000.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This action supports the following areas of your Board's Strategic Plan.

Area of Focus: Core Services/Other

Strategic Plan Category: 9999 - Core Services/Other

DISCUSSION:

The Humboldt County Library received a check for \$25,000 from the Gayle A. Teter Revocable Trust of 2012 (Attachment 1). Donated funds will be used to improve quality of library services systemwide in fiscal year (FY) 2025-26.

By February 2026, the library will receive a check from the Humboldt Library Foundation for \$152,000 (Attachment 2). Donated grant funds will be used to improve quality of library services systemwide in FY 2025-26.

In January 2026, the library will receive a check for \$10,000 from the Carnegie Corporation of New York. Scottish immigrant Andrew Carnegie funded the construction of 1,681 free public libraries in the United States between 1886 and 1917. As part of the Carnegie Libraries 250 special initiative, his philanthropic foundation reached out to each library and established that approximately 1,280 still operate and acknowledge their link to Carnegie, making them eligible for the celebratory gift. Approximately 750 of these libraries continue to use their original buildings, while others have moved to new locations. The \$10,000 award for the Ferndale Library is the sole Carnegie Library in the Humboldt County Library system that still operates as a public library. The Ferndale Library may use the funds however they wish to celebrate the 250th anniversary, further their mission, and benefit their community.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Library 1500621

Gayle A. Teter Revocable Trust of 2012

Humboldt Library Foundation

Carnegie Corporation of New York

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Narrative Explanation of Financial Impact:

The County Administrative Office will bring a supplement budget request to your Board with the first quarter 2025-26 budget report for these donations in the amount of \$187,000.

STAFFING IMPACT:

There is no staffing impact.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

None.

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board may choose not to accept this donation. However, that is not recommended as these donations are intended to improve the quality of library services for the people of Humboldt County.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: Gayle A. Teter Revocable Trust of 2012: Receipt on Distribution

Attachment 2: Library Grant E-mail Verification from Humboldt Library Foundation

Attachment 3: Letter of Gift Award from Carnegie Corporation of New York

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Meeting of: N/A

File No.: N/A