



# COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 1/11/2022

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**To:** Board of Supervisors

**From:** Libraries

**Agenda Section:** Consent

SUBJECT:

Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-22 Amendment to the Grant Agreement with First 5 Humboldt for FY 2020-21

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the 2021-22 Amendment (Attachment I) to the 2020-21 Grant Agreement between First 5 Humboldt and the County of Humboldt (Attachment II);
2. Authorize the Chair to sign three (3) copies of the attached amendment; and
3. Direct the Clerk of the Board to return three (3) copies of the amendment to the Humboldt County Library.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

First 5 Humboldt Grant restricted funds

DISCUSSION:

The Humboldt County Library (HCL) has collaborated with First 5 Humboldt since January 2004, when the Board first authorized a multi-year partnership between First 5 and HCL to provide enhanced services to families with children from the prenatal stage to 5 years of age. The initial grant agreement authorizing the collaboration expired in December 2005 but has since been continued on a yearly basis after program evaluation and discussion between HCL and First 5 Humboldt.

The current one-year agreement, in the amount of \$67,500 begins July 1, 2020 and continues through June 30, 2021. The amendment will extend this agreement through June 30, 2022, with an additional \$67,500 for the 2021-22 fiscal year.

The purpose of the grant funds are to promote and foster a family-friendly environment at the HCL, enhance HCL's outreach programs by targeting library services to geographically isolated ethnic and at-risk families, bolster the general library collections with multicultural, bilingual, and early literacy materials, and augment HCL's collection with new books and audiovisual resources about parenting and child-rearing skills and strategies.

Additionally, HCL will build and strengthen its network of community collaborations among similar

organizations within the communities it serves through programs such as “Leap into Literacy, Books on the Go,” which is a primary component of the outreach program that First 5 Humboldt funds and that HCL operates at fifteen sites, including Head Starts and preschools from Orleans to Garberville. Most of these fifteen sites are located in geographically remote rural areas without consistent access to library services. In order to support early literacy and to provide access to reading and educational materials in these rural sites, HCL staff select and drop off materials at these sites for use by teachers and caregivers. This program and other library services have been modified in accordance with the County’s COVID-19 Prevention Plan. The collaboration between HCL and First 5 Humboldt has proven beneficial to many residents of Humboldt County, particularly those in the most remote rural communities.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The award and acceptance of this grant is anticipated and included in the adopted budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. Revenue of \$67,500.00 is recorded in fund 1500, budget unit 621, object code 524075, Local Grants. The expenses will be recorded against various account codes, such as Salaries and Wages, Professional Services, and Books and Periodicals. There is no impact to the General Fund.

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:

This action supports your Board’s Strategic Framework by protecting vulnerable populations .

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

First 5 Humboldt

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Declining to approve the amendment would eliminate the funds essential to the Library for enhancing the early literacy collection, supporting literacy development in homes and preschools, and strengthening community connections with families, caregivers, and others who serve young children. It would also prevent First 5 Humboldt from carrying out the parts of their mission that are implemented by the Library.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment I - 2021-22 Amendment to the 2020-21 Grant Agreement between First 5 Humboldt and County of Humboldt (3 original copies).

Attachment II - 2020-21 Grant Agreement between First 5 Humboldt and County of Humboldt (1 original copy).

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No: C-19

Meeting of: October 20, 2020

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