



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

Legislation Text

File #: 20-1213, **Version:** 1

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Libraries

Agenda Section: Consent

SUBJECT:

Grant Agreement with First 5 Humboldt for Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-21

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the Grant Agreement between First 5 Humboldt and the County of Humboldt (Attachment I);
2. Authorize the Chair to sign three copies of the attached grant agreement; and
3. Direct the Clerk of the Board to return three copies of the grant agreement 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.

This current 1-year agreement, in the amount of \$67,500 begins July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. This item comes to your Board after the effective date due to administrative oversight. 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 15 sites, including Head Start programs and preschools from Orleans to Garberville. Most of these 15 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. Also, in order to model best practices for parents, teachers, and caregivers in the provision of educational programming for the benefit of children aged 0-5, the Children’s Services Outreach Coordinator offers story time visits and parent workshops to the sites. 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 FY 2020-21. Revenue of \$67,500 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:

Board Discretion

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment I - Grant Agreement between First 5 Humboldt and County of Humboldt (3 original copies).

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No: C-32

Meeting of: Aug. 20, 2019

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