



Mendocino County

Legislation Text

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To: Board of Supervisors

From: Cultural Services Agency

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Item Type: Consent Agenda

Time Allocated for Item: N/A

Agenda Title:

Approval of Submission of Grant Application for the Institute of Museum and Library Science (IMLS) CARES Act Grants for Museums and Libraries in the Amount of \$141,142 for a Library Mobile Hotspot Lending Program

Recommended Action/Motion:

Approve the submission of the grant application for the Institute of Museum and Library Science (IMLS) CARES Act Grants for Museums and Libraries in the amount of \$141,142 for a Library mobile hotspot lending program

Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:

The Board of Supervisors approved grant applications for the Library on June 5th, 2018: agenda item 4s; on December 4th, 2018: agenda item 4q; December 17th, 2019: agenda item 4h.

Summary of Request:

The IMLS Cares Act Grants Program is provides funds to libraries to assist in the response to COVID-19. COVID-19 has created an increased need to provide digital resources and the grant provides an option for internet access to people who do not have their own WiFi service. Since the Libraries will be accommodating fewer people in the branches due to physical distancing requirements, by checking out a mobile hotspot patrons will be able to access the internet from their home or other place at which the hotspot can receive cell service.

The grant application is for 100 mobile hotspots and would cover monthly unlimited data for two years and also provide for monitoring software to be able to disable the hotspots if not returned to the Library after the end of the checkout period. Moving forward, libraries will be accommodating fewer people in the branches due to physical distancing requirements; by checking out mobile hotspots patrons will be able to access the internet and free digital library resources from home or any other place at which the hotspot can receive cell service.

First year expenses covered by the grant total \$77,593, and second year expenses amount to \$63,549. The subsequent continuation of the mobile hotspot program including the number of hotspots, and subscriptions to data and monitoring will be determined by the availability of future funding.

Alternative Action/Motion:

Provide alternate direction for staff.

Supervisory District: All

vote requirement: Majority

Supplemental Information Available Online At:

<https://www.imls.gov/grants/available/imls-cares-act-grants-museums-and-libraries>

Fiscal Details:

source of funding: Grant

current f/y cost: \$77,593

annual recurring cost: Year 2- \$63,549, then TBD

budget clarification: Grant funding for two years

budgeted in current f/y: No

if no, please describe: Will budget if awarded

revenue agreement: N/A

Agreement/Resolution/Ordinance Approved by County Counsel: N/A

CEO Liaison: Executive Office

CEO Review: Yes

CEO Comments:

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Executed By: Atlas Pearson, Deputy Clerk I

Date: JULY 17, 2020

Final Status: Approved

