



Mendocino County

Legislation Text

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To: Board of Supervisors

From: Cultural Services Agency

Meeting Date: June 7, 2022

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Item Type: Consent Agenda

Time Allocated for Item: N/A

Agenda Title:

Ratification of Submission of Application by the Cultural Services Agency to Participate in the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Emergency Connectivity Fund to Reimburse Expenses for Chromebooks in the Amount of \$19,076 and Twelve Months of Hotspot Data in the Amount of \$21,595 for Use by Patrons with Unmet Connectivity Needs

Recommended Action/Motion:

Ratify the submission of application by the Cultural Services Agency to participate in the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Emergency Connectivity Fund to reimburse expenses for Chromebooks in the amount of \$19,076 and twelve months of hotspot data in the amount of \$21,595 for use by patrons with unmet connectivity needs.

Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:

The Board of Supervisors approved the funding award for purchase of hotspots and data for a Library mobile hotspot lending program on January 4th, 2022: agenda item 4v.

Summary of Request:

The Federal Communications Commission Emergency Connectivity Fund is providing for new and innovative ways for the public to gain access to the internet and technology through libraries. COVID-19 has created an increased need to provide digital resources for people who do not have their own Wi-Fi service or laptop by providing the ability to borrow a hotspot and/or Chromebook with their library card. Patrons will be able to use the Chromebooks away from the Library branches and access the internet through the use of a hotspot in areas which receive cell service. The devices will assist patrons in having the ability to complete important tasks such as applying for jobs, completing coursework, or applying for assistance.

The Library previously was awarded funding for mobile hotspots and monthly unlimited data which will continue until November, 2022. The additional funding will provide for unlimited data for 45 hotspots for an additional 12 months, and 60 Chromebooks which can be used with the hotspots or separately. The Cultural Services Agency is requesting retroactive application submission approval and per Policy No. 25, the CEO authorized the submission.

Alternative Action/Motion:

Provide alternate direction to staff.

Does This Item Support the General Plan? Yes

Supervisory District: All

vote requirement: Majority

Supplemental Information Available Online At:
<<https://www.fcc.gov/emergency-connectivity-fund>>

Fiscal Details:

source of funding: Federal funding program

current f/y cost: \$19,696

annual recurring cost: \$21,595

budget clarification: To be reimbursed by program

budgeted in current f/y: Yes

if no, please describe:

revenue agreement: No

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

CEO Liaison: Cherie Johnson, Deputy CEO

CEO Review: Yes

CEO Comments:

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Executed By: Atlas Pearson, Deputy Clerk II

Date: June 13, 2022

Final Status: Approved

