



## City Council Agenda Item

**City Council Meeting Date:** December 3, 2019

**TO:** Jim Throop, City Manager

**FROM:** Sarah Bleyl, Library Director  
s\_bleyl@ci.lompoc.ca.us

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Agreement for Operation of a County-Wide Library System

---

### **Recommendation:**

Staff recommends the City Council approve, and authorize the City Manager to execute, the Agreement for Operation of a County-Wide Library System (Agreement) (attached) between the County of Santa Barbara (County), and the cities of Santa Barbara, Lompoc, Santa Maria, and Goleta for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-20.

### **Background:**

The County contracts with city libraries in Santa Barbara, Lompoc, Santa Maria, and Goleta to provide library services to County residents as it does not have standalone library service capabilities of its own. The Agreement was approved by the County Board of Supervisors on August 13, 2019.

### **Discussion:**

On August 13, 2019, the Board of Supervisors approved the Agreement in the aggregate amount of \$3,855,300 for FY 2019-20. The City operates its library and contracts with the County-Wide Library System to manage the Village Library in Vandenberg Village. The two are considered Zone 2 under the Agreement (Exhibit C to the Agreement). Zone 2 is allocated \$499,650 of the \$3,855,300 aggregate amount of funding under the Agreement. Zone allocations are based on the populations in each Zone compared with the total population of the County.

County staff has worked closely with each of the four library directors to maintain hours, programming, and increase technological and staffing efficiencies. (Detail of the breakdown can be found in Exhibit A to the Agreement – Funding Table.)

The Village Library is housed in County-owned facilities, and, as a result the City and County will each have certain maintenance requirements for that facility. Exhibit D to the Agreement itemizes each item and indicated responsibility for each. The City is not

precluded from using funds through the Agreement to fulfill its maintenance obligations. Exhibit D of the Agreement is consistent with prior year responsibilities for the Village Library.

**Fiscal Impact:**

As stated above, the City will receive \$499,650 in funding for FY 2019-20 to be used for the Zone 2 libraries (Lompoc and Vandenberg Village) based on the population of Zone 2 compared with the population of the County as a whole and a funding rate of \$7.80 per capita. The funding table (Exhibit A) is based on a population of 59,675 of a total County Population of 453,457. The Zone 2 population of 59,675 is down from FY 2018-19 population of 60,251. The Lompoc Library will receive \$398,019 towards library operations and the Village Library will receive \$101,631.

Under the FY 2018-19 agreement, the countywide allocation for all zone libraries was \$3,640,040, of which \$470,095 was allocated to Zone 2 libraries.

**Conclusion:**

Staff recommends the City Council approve the Agreement in order to receive the County funding for library operations.

Respectfully submitted,

---

Sarah Bleyl, Library Director

**APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL TO THE CITY COUNCIL:**

---

Jim Throop, City Manager

Attachment: FY 2019-20 Agreement for Operation of a Countywide Library System