



City Council Agenda Item

City Council Meeting Date: October 06, 2020

TO: Jim Throop, City Manager

FROM: Sarah Bleyl, Library Director
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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) (Attachment 1) between the County of Santa Barbara (County), and the cities of Santa Barbara, Lompoc, Santa Maria, and Goleta for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-21.

Background:

The County contracts with city libraries in Santa Barbara, Lompoc, Santa Maria, and Goleta to provide library services to all County residents as it does not have standalone library service capabilities of its own. The City operates its library and contracts with the County to manage the Village Library in Vandenberg Village. The two are considered Zone 2.¹

Discussion:

On August 25, 2020, the Board of Supervisors approved the Agreement in the aggregate amount of \$4,204,500 for FY 2020-21. Zone 2 will be allocated \$505,955 of the aggregate funding. 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 to increase technological and staffing efficiencies. (Detail of the breakdown can be found in Attachment 2 – 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.² The City is not

¹ See Exhibit B to the Agreement.

² See Exhibit C to the Agreement.

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

Fiscal Impact:

As stated above, the City will receive \$505,955 in funding for FY 2020-21 to be used for the Zone 2 libraries (Lompoc and Vandenberg Village) based on a funding rate of \$7.80 per capita and population of 59,978 out of a total County Population of 454,593.³ The Zone 2 population of 59,978 is up from its FY 2019-20 population of 59,675. Lompoc will receive \$394,657 allocated towards its Library and \$111,298 allocated for the Village Library.

Under the FY 2019-20 agreement, the countywide allocation for all zone libraries was \$3,855,300, of which \$499,650 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

- Attachments: 1) FY 2020-21 Agreement for Operation of a Countywide Library System
2) Funding Table

³ See Attachment 2.