



City Council Agenda Item

City Council Meeting Date: November 16, 2021

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) (attached) between the County of Santa Barbara (County), and the cities of Santa Barbara, Lompoc, Santa Maria, and Goleta for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-22, on behalf of the City of Lompoc.

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 October 5, 2021.

Discussion:

On October 5, 2021, the Board of Supervisors approved the Agreement in the aggregate amount of \$4,407,466 for FY 2021-22. 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. Zone 2 is allocated \$528,972 of the \$4,407,466 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 the Agreement.)

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. 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.

Fiscal Impact:

As stated above, the City will receive \$528,972 in funding for FY 2021-22 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 \$8.03 per capita, an increase over last year's \$7.80 per capita. Zone 2 libraries have a population of 59,435 of a total County Population of 454,593. The Zone 2 population is down slightly from FY 2020-21 population of 59,978.

The Lompoc Library will receive \$402,134 towards library operations and the Village Library will receive \$126,838. This is an increase of \$23,017 over the previous year, with the Lompoc Library receiving an additional \$7,477 and the Village Library receiving an additional \$15,540. The increase in the Village Library funding is to ensure that two staff are present during all open hours for staff safety.

Under the FY 2020-21 agreement, the countywide allocation for all zone libraries was \$4,204,500 of which \$505,955 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 2021-22 Agreement for Operation of a Countywide Library System including Funding Table, CSA_3 Map, Library Zone Map, Maintenance Responsibilities