



## City Council Agenda Item

**City Council Meeting Date:** October 17, 2023

**TO:** Dean Albro, City Manager

**FROM:** Sarah Bleyl, Library Director  
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**SUBJECT:** Approval of Agreement for Operation of a County-Wide Library System

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### **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, Goleta, and Carpinteria for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24, on behalf of the City of Lompoc.

### **Background:**

The County contracts with city libraries in Santa Barbara, Lompoc, Santa Maria, Goleta, and Carpinteria 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 September 19, 2023.

### **Discussion:**

On September 19, 2023, the Board of Supervisors approved the Agreement in the aggregate amount of \$4,613,601 for FY 2023-24. 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 \$566,644 of the \$4,613,601 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 five 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 \$566,644 in funding for FY 2023-24 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 \$8.88 per capita, an increase over last year's \$8.34 per capita. Zone 2 libraries have a population of 59,303 of a total County Population of 440,557. The Zone 2 population is up slightly from FY 2022-23 population of 58,314.

The Lompoc Library will receive \$434,374 towards library operations and the Village Library will receive \$132,270. This is an increase of \$37,672 over the previous year, due to both the increase in population and the increase of the per capita funding to \$8.88.

Under the FY 2021-22 agreement, the countywide allocation for all zone libraries was \$4,613,601 of which \$566,644 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,

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Sarah Bleyl, Library Director

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

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Dean Albro, City Manager

Attachment: FY 2023-24 Agreement for Operation of a Countywide Library System including Funding Table, CSA\_3 Map, Library Zone Map, Maintenance Responsibilities