



# AGENDA REPORT

Library and Community Service

<b>DATE:</b>	May 17, 2022
<b>TO:</b>	Mayor Butt and Members of the City Council
<b>FROM:</b>	Melinda Cervantes, Interim Deputy Director of Community Services – Library Janelle Van Hook, Librarian II Christopher Larsen, Librarian II
<b>Subject:</b>	Accept and Appropriate a \$250,000 California State Library Stronger Together Grant for Design and Procurement of Replacement Bookmobile
<b>FINANCIAL IMPACT:</b>	Required cash match will be funded by Library Impact Fee. No impact on the General Fund.
<b>PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:</b>	None.
<b>STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE:</b>	The Richmond Public Library has been awarded \$250,000 by the California State Library for the design and procurement of a new Bookmobile.
<b>RECOMMENDED ACTION:</b>	ACCEPT and APPROPRIATE the grant of \$250,000 from the California State Library into the Library’s Fiscal Year 2021-2022 budget for the design and procurement of a replacement Bookmobile – Library (Melinda Cervantes 620-5452).

**DISCUSSION:**

The Richmond Public Library applied for, and has been awarded, \$250,000 by the California State Library for the design and procurement of a replacement Bookmobile. The Bookmobile provides mobile library services to children and families in Richmond, with an emphasis on preschools, elementary schools, and summer lunch sites. The present Bookmobile has been in service since 1993 and is ineligible for registration renewal in January 2023, unless the engine is replaced. The approved grant budget will allow the Richmond Public Library to contract with a consultant for the design and procurement of a replacement Bookmobile to continue the tradition of mobile library outreach for the future.

The Library will fund the required cash match from the Library Impact Fee. Additional matching funds for collections and equipment are funded by existing appropriations for those purposes.

**DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:**

Attachment 1 – Resolution  
Attachment 2 – Award Letter