



AGENDA REPORT

Library and Community Services

DATE:	September 12, 2023
TO:	Mayor Martinez and Members of the City Council
FROM:	LaShonda White, Deputy City Manager, Community Services Kate Eppler, Deputy Director of Community Services – Library Abigail Sims-Evelyn, Literacy Program Manager
Subject:	Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, Title II (WIOA II) Grant Award for \$65,296
FINANCIAL IMPACT:	Project expenditures will be funded by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, Title II. There will be no net additional expense to the General Fund.
PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:	Not applicable.
STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE:	The Richmond Public Library – Literacy for Every Adult Program has been awarded \$65,296 for adult literacy services through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, Title II (WIOA II).
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	ADOPT a resolution to ACCEPT and APPROPRIATE the WIOA II grant award of \$65,296, to support educational programs offered at the library’s literacy services program, Literacy for Every Adult Program – Community Services Department (Kate Eppler 510-620-5452/Abigail Sims-Evelyn 510-307-8082).

DISCUSSION:

The Literacy for Every Adult Program (LEAP) program has been awarded a Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, Title II (WIOA II) grant in the total amount of \$65,296 for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. This federal grant funding, received annually by LEAP, enables the continued provision of services including adult basic education and high school equivalency education.

Fiscal year 2023-2024 funding was based in part on the following:

- Funding for positive gains in employment and earnings outcome
- One-time funding for exit reporting in employment and earnings
- An increase in WIOA funding to California

This acceptance and appropriation of the grant funds will allow LEAP to continue providing the essential services that greatly enhance the quality of life for participating Richmond residents.

DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:

Attachment 1 – Grant Award Notification Letter

Attachment 2 – Grant Award Notification

Attachment 3 – California Department of Education Program and Accountability Requirements

Attachment 4 – Resolution