



AGENDA REPORT

Library and Community Service

DATE:	April 5, 2022
TO:	Mayor Butt and Members of the City Council
FROM:	LaShonda White, Interim Director of Library and Community Services Melinda Cervantes, Deputy Director of Community Services - Library
Subject:	Accept and Appropriate Bay Area Library and Information System Grant for Library Staff Development, Public Programming, and Strategic Planning
FINANCIAL IMPACT:	Expenditures will be funded by Bay Area Library and Information System (BALIS) grant funds. There will be no net additional expense to the General Fund.
PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:	Click or tap here to enter text.
STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE:	The Richmond Public Library has been granted \$7,000 from the Bay Area Library and Information System (BALIS) to support library staff development, public programming, and strategic planning.
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	ADOPT a resolution to ACCEPT and APPROPRIATE into the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 budget a Bay Area Library and Information System grant for staff development, public programming, and strategic planning – Library and Community Services Department (LaShonda White/Melinda Cervantes 510-620-5452).

DISCUSSION:

The Bay Area Library and Information System (BALIS) Council has allocated funding to support staff development, public programming, and strategic planning initiatives at BALIS libraries. As a BALIS library, the Richmond Public Library has been allocated \$7,000 for FY 2021-2022.

The Richmond Public Library intends to use these funds to support staff development in the areas of diversity, equity, and inclusion, leadership development, team building, library user experience, and other library-specific skill-building activities, including preparation for strategic planning initiatives. As the Richmond Public Library continues to work within restricted COVID conditions, these funds will help to support and improve staff morale, public services, and future planning.

DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:

Attachment 1 – Resolution to Amend Library Budget, FY 2021/22

Attachment 2 – BALIS Financial Support Claim Form