

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS  
ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY

DEPT: LIBRARY

BOARD AGENDA # \*B-11

Urgent \_\_\_\_\_ Routine X

AGENDA DATE June 12, 2001

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES X NO \_\_\_\_\_  
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO X

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE LIBRARY TO APPLY FOR A GRANT ENTITLED  
"PRESIDENTS, POLITICS AND POWER".

STAFF  
RECOMMEN-  
DATIONS:

AUTHORIZE THE LIBRARY TO APPLY FOR THE "PRESIDENTS, POLITICS AND  
POWER GRANT.

FISCAL  
IMPACT:

This grant would give the Library \$1,000 to pay honoraria for a local scholar to present a series of discussions on American Presidents at the Modesto Library, up to \$350 per person to attend a training seminar on how to present the programs, a full set of videocassettes for the series, supporting printed materials, and national publicity. The Library has put \$1500 into its programming budget for fiscal year 2001/2002 in anticipation of receiving the grant.

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BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2001-428

On motion of Supervisor Caruso, Seconded by Supervisor Simon  
and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: Mayfield, Blom, Simon, Caruso, and Chair Paul

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) X Approved as recommended

2) \_\_\_\_\_ Denied

3) \_\_\_\_\_ Approved as amended

MOTION:

Christine Ferraro

ATTEST: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

By: Deputy

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FISCAL  
IMPACT

CONTINUED:

This money will ensure all training expenses will be covered. We anticipate expenditures to be less than budgeted as travel expenses will probably be less than originally estimated. In addition, our partner in this grant, MJC's Modesto Institute for Continued Learning (MICL) program, has agreed to ask for \$200 in their budget for this project.

DISCUSSION:

This grant is a project of National Video Resources and the National Endowment for the Humanities in collaboration with the American Library Association Public Programs Office. "Presidents, Politics, and Power" is a pilot project offering 20 libraries the opportunity and resources to present a series of six programs around the topic of the American presidency during the twentieth century. The library would be a pilot site to present 6 showings of award winning films such as "TR, The Story of Theodore Roosevelt" and "Nixon". A discussion led by a local scholar will follow. All attendees will receive participants' booklets that include introductory essays and bibliographies for each program.

MICL (Modesto Institute for Continued Learning), a continuing education program under the auspices of Modesto Junior College, has agreed to be a partner in this endeavor. The library and MICL have partnered before in presenting adult programming for the community. MICL has asked for \$200 from its Education Committee to help with training expenses. They will also provide an outlet for publicity and will recruit volunteers to help plan and put on the program itself. A history instructor from Modesto Junior College has agreed to lead the series if the grant is approved.

This grant provides an opportunity for our community to view thoughtful and thought-provoking films not generally available to the out-of-school public, and offer an important alternative to many of the hastily made histories and docudramas currently presented on commercial television. It gives the citizens of Stanislaus County a chance to take a closer look at the history and evolution of the American Presidency in a non-political environment.

POLICY  
ISSUES:

This action addresses the Board priorities of excellent customer service by providing the community an opportunity to view films and have a discussion on a very important element of democracy in this country. It also addresses the issue of multi-jurisdictional cooperation by involving the Library, MICL, and Modesto Junior College.

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STAFFING

IMPACT:

There is no staffing impact associated with this item, as adult programming is part of the goals of the Library.