

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

DEPT: LIBRARY

BOARD AGENDA # *B-7

Urgent Routine X

AGENDA DATE November 6, 2001

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES ph NO
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES NO ✓

SUBJECT: APPROVAL FOR THE LIBRARY TO ACCEPT CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION
MINI-GRANTS TOTALING \$13,930

- STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:
- 1) AUTHORIZE THE LIBRARY TO ACCEPT \$13,930 IN CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION MINI-GRANTS AS FOLLOWS:
 - DENTAL HYGIENE STORY TIME AND DENTAL HEALTH HANDOUTS \$1,000.00
 - TOP 10 THINGS YOU NEED TO RAISE YOUR BABY \$2,935.00
 - YOUR CHILD'S TICKET TO SUCCESS \$2,885.00
 - BOOK BABIES \$4,810.00
 - LITERACY KITS \$2,300.00
 - 2) AUTHORIZE THE INTERIM LIBRARY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AND/OR AGREEMENTS TO ACCEPT THE FUNDS.

(Item continued on Page 2)

FISCAL IMPACT: The five mini-grants awarded to the Library total \$13,930. No Library or general fund monies will be expended in the implementation of these programs. Administrative costs are included in the grants.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2001-860

On motion of Supervisor Blom, Seconded by Supervisor Caruso
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:

ATTEST: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

By: Christine Ferraro
Deputy

File No.

APPROVAL TO ACCEPT CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION MINI GRANTS
TOTALING \$13,930
Page 2

STAFF
RECOMMEN-
DATIONS

(CONTINUED): 3. APPROVAL OF THE ATTACHED BUDGET JOURNAL REFLECTING
CHANGES TO THE LIBRARY'S 2001/2002 LEGAL BUDGET.

DISCUSSION: The purpose of the Library's Children and Families Commission mini-grants
are to address the Commission's strategic results of:

- Improved Child Development: Children Learning and Ready for School;
and
- Improved Child Health: Healthy Children.

Summaries of the grants follow:

- During the month of February 2002, Children's Dental Health Month, all
(13) Stanislaus County Libraries will offer a special story time focused on
good dental hygiene. Working in cooperation with the Stanislaus Dental
Society, the Library will offer a dental hygiene goodie bag, complete with
a toothbrush, toothpaste and information for parents about the
importance of beginning the practice of good dental hygiene at an early
age. This program, expected to serve 600 children and their parents,
addresses the strategic results of Improved Child Development: Children
Learning and Ready for School, as well as Improved Child Health:
Healthy Children.
- Top 10 Things You Need to Raise Your Baby is a brochure (in English
and Spanish) for parents of newborns, which emphasizes the importance
of reading to babies and young children. With an actual library card and
application attached, parents can complete the application at their
convenience, then bring the card and application to any Stanislaus
County Library location for activation. This brochure will be distributed in
new parent packets at all hospitals in Stanislaus County. The goal of this
program is to increase the number of parents obtaining library cards for
their infants. Top 10 Things You Need to Raise Your Baby addresses the
strategic result of Improved Child Development: Children Learning and
Ready for School.
- Your Child's Ticket to Success is a brochure (in English and Spanish) for
parents of pre-school age children, which emphasizes the important role
played by reading aloud to children in their future school success. With
an actual library card and application attached, parents can complete the

APPROVAL TO ACCEPT CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION MINI GRANTS
TOTALING \$13,930

Page 3

application at their convenience, then bring the card and application to any Stanislaus County Library location for activation. This brochure will be distributed through the Stanislaus Literacy Center's Family Literacy Program, Headstart programs, pre-schools and daycare facilities. The goal of this program is to increase the number of parents obtaining library cards for their children 0 – 5. Your Child's Ticket to Success addresses the strategic result of Improved Child Development: Children Learning and Ready for School.

- Book Babies is a 12 week, one-on-one weekly activity for babies 0-12 months and their parents/caregivers. The program uses music, nursery rhymes and very simple stories to enhance early language development. Rhyme, rhythm and repetition are key elements, because the sound of language is especially important to infants who cannot yet focus on pictures. Currently, two sessions (fall and spring) are conducted at the Modesto Library annually. Children and Families Commission funding would enable us to expand the program to Turlock and Oakdale in Spring 2002. Book Babies addresses the strategic result of Improved Child Development: Children Learning and Ready for School.
- Literacy kits for children whose families are enrolled in the Stanislaus County Library's Read/Succeed Family Literacy Program are designed to stimulate learning through play at home. Kits will be individually designed to meet the needs of each child based on his or her skill level and age. Parents will be instructed in how to use the toys, books and tools to enhance their pre-schoolers language development. Follow up visits with each family will be conducted to determine the effectiveness of the kits and modifying their contents if necessary. The Family Literacy Program will be conducted at Kirschen Elementary School, Burbank Elementary School, Marshall Elementary School and the Salvation Army Child Development Center. Literacy kits for children in the family literacy program addresses the strategic result of Improved Child Development: Children Learning and Ready for School.

**POLICY
ISSUES:**

Approval of this request will help fulfill the Board's goals of delivering excellent community service, achieving multi-jurisdictional cooperation and modeling community leadership.

**STAFFING
IMPACT:**

Impact on current staff is limited to minimal training time. Personal services contractors will be retained for the Book Babies program and to implement the distribution of the literacy kits.

