

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

DEPT: Library

BOARD AGENDA: 4.B.4
AGENDA DATE: June 2, 2026

SUBJECT:

Approval to Apply for and Accept, if Awarded, New Library Grants from Various Government Agencies and Nonprofit Organizations and Enter Into Grant Agreements and Related Contracts in Fiscal Year 2027, in a Cumulative Amount Not To Exceed \$200,000


BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-0267

On motion of Supervisor B. Condit Seconded by Supervisor Withrow
and approved by the following vote,
Ayes: Supervisors: B. Condit, Withrow, Grewal, C. Condit, and Chairman Chiesa
Noes: Supervisors: None
Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None
Abstaining: Supervisor: None

- 1) Approved as recommended
- 2) Denied
- 3) Approved as amended
- 4) Other:

MOTION:



ATTEST: MARY E. HARTSFIELD, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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CONSENT:

CEO CONCURRENCE: YES

4/5 Vote Required: NO

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

1. Authorize the County Librarian, or designee, to apply for and accept, if awarded, new Library grants from various government agencies and nonprofit organizations in Fiscal Year 2027, in a cumulative amount not to exceed \$200,000.
2. Authorize the General Services Agency Director/Purchasing Agent, or designee, to enter into and sign grant agreements and related contracts with various government agencies and nonprofit organizations in Fiscal Year 2027 in a cumulative amount not to exceed \$200,000.

DISCUSSION:

Unique grant opportunities are available to the Stanislaus County Library (Library) each fiscal year. These grants fund programs and services that add value to the community. Many competitive grants are offered through the California State Library (CSL) and its partner organizations. Obtaining pre-approval to accept grants allows the Library to receive funding more quickly and deliver services more efficiently.

Below is a list of several grants awarded to the Library in Fiscal Year 2026. These grants enhance the Library's ability to provide additional reading materials, media, special programming, and community access. Some grants will continue into Fiscal Year 2027. The Library also plans to pursue and accept similar grant opportunities in Fiscal Year 2027.

Raymus Foundation

The Raymus Foundation Grant provided funding to purchase new books for children and their families, helping them build and strengthen their home libraries. Research shows that having books in the home has a positive impact on a child's future educational and career outcomes. As a public institution centered on books, reading, and literacy, supporting the development of home libraries is a natural and valuable extension of the Library's Mission: "We build community by creating opportunities and providing resources for connection, learning, exploration, and innovation."

In addition to receiving new books, participating children also took home a reusable bag and a bookmark. The Library was awarded \$8,625 on September 1, 2025, and the grant term concluded on March 31, 2026.

Zip Books

The Zip Books Project, funded by the CSL, allows customers to order materials using a designated Amazon Prime account, which are shipped directly to their home using free two-day delivery. Once finished, customers return the materials to the Library, where they are added to the lending collection.

The Library was awarded \$14,022 on September 3, 2025, and the grant term will conclude on June 30, 2026.

Lunch at the Library

The CSL's Lunch at the Library grant provides resources for libraries to establish summer meal sites and to offer programming at community meal locations. The grant supports book giveaways that help families build home libraries and provides literature that promotes participation in summer reading. It also funds live educational performances at meal sites, encouraging learning and enrichment for children and families.

The Library received \$21,406 on January 28, 2026, and the grant term will conclude on January 31, 2027.

Flight Path

The Flight Path grant supports libraries in implementing science-based strategies to help create a safer environment for birds. Through this grant, the Library received books, binoculars, window tape, and activity guides to support the development of bird-focused educational programs.

Stanislaus County Library staff partnered with Dos Rios State Park to deliver related programs and events at both Dos Rios and the Salida Library, expanding community engagement around conservation and environmental education.

The Library was awarded \$500 on September 17, 2025, and funding for this grant will conclude on September 30, 2026.

POLICY ISSUE:

Pursuant to Stanislaus County Grant Policy, Board of Supervisors' (Board) approval is required to accept any new grant, regardless of whether it requires a County General Fund match. Required authorization can be obtained in a scheduled budget cycle or through a separate Board agenda action process.

FISCAL IMPACT:

As grants are awarded in Fiscal Year 2027, the Library will request budget adjustments, cumulatively not to exceed \$200,000, through the County's quarterly and midyear budget cycles. There is no County General Fund match required for this Board item.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' PRIORITY:

The recommended actions are consistent with the Board's priorities of *Promoting Lifelong Learning* and *Delivering Efficient Public Services* by securing pre-approval to accept new grants, which shortens response times to grantors and enables faster implementation of grant-funded services.

STAFFING IMPACT:

Current staff will perform the required activities for new grants.

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