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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council adopt a resolution authorizing the acceptance of \$20,000 in grant funding from the San Bruno Community Foundation to support Project Read’s family literacy services through the Learning Wheels program and approving Budget Amendment 19.035.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

On September 25, 2018, Project Read applied for a grant from the San Bruno Community Foundation to support the continuation of family literacy services offered through Learning Wheels for low-income, low-literacy parents and their children in the City of San Bruno. On November 30, 2018 Project Read was awarded \$20,000 in grant funding from the San Bruno Community Foundation. On a weekly basis, San Bruno programs: 1) encourage literacy development of low-income residents, 2) provide information and referrals so that families have the resources they need to succeed, and 3) distribute free children’s books to prepare children to learn to read. San Bruno programs run primarily through a partnership with Saint Bruno Hospitality House.

Learning Wheels, the Library’s mobile literacy program, provides doorstep literacy services to low income, low-literacy parents and their children in North San Mateo County. Each month Learning Wheels visits over 300 hundred families at preschools, transitional housing locations, social service agencies, health clinics, and participates in community events. In the past year, the Learning Wheels program distributed over 6,000 books and delivered 168 story-times to families in South San Francisco and surrounding cities. Funding from the San Bruno Community Foundation allows Project Read’s Learning Wheels to continue vital services to the residents of San Bruno.

FISCAL IMPACT

Grant funds will be used to amend the Library Department’s current Fiscal Year (FY) 2018-19 Operating

Budget through Budget Amendment 19.035. This grant is awarded on a calendar year basis and funds not expended in FY 2018-19 will be carried over to FY 2019-20. Receipt of these funds does not commit the City to ongoing funding.

CONCLUSION

Receipt of these funds will enable the Library to continue providing literacy services in the City of San Bruno through Project Read's Learning Wheels program. It is recommended that the City Council accept \$20,000 in grant funding to support family literacy programming and approve Budget Amendment 19.035.