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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council adopt a resolution authorizing an agreement between the San Mateo County Library and the South San Francisco Public Library to provide staffing for the Big Lift Inspiring Summers (BLIS) program in South San Francisco and approve Budget Amendment 20.043.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

The Big Lift is a bold social venture intent on transforming early learning. The venture combines high-quality and connected learning experiences for San Mateo County preschool to third grade students. This early learning transformation is focused on literacy, reducing chronic absence and summer learning loss, as well as engaging families and the broader community to support both home and school learning.

BLIS is the portion of the program focused on retaining academic progress through the summer break. This four-week, full day program includes reading, science and art projects, fun and games for children entering kindergarten, 1st, 2nd and 3rd grade. This year, the BLIS program will be held at Spruce and Los Cerritos Elementary Schools but modified to meet San Mateo County Health ordinances posed by the Coronavirus: COVID-19. How the program will be delivered and taught is fluid and flexible as stakeholders, SSFUSD and San Mateo County Library discuss the best way to provide an engaging summer program, while keeping children, families and staff safe.

To support this important program, South San Francisco Public Library will provide one Site Coach for the Spruce Elementary School site. The Site Coach will work with the principals, teachers and facilitators in each SSF BLIS school to implement a cutting-edge curriculum to ignite youth to have self-confidence, explore, be

creative, problem solve, and develop a love of learning.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds will be used to amend the Library Department's current FY 2019-2020 Operating Budget per Budget Amendment 20.043 and unexpended funds will be carried forward to FY2020-2021. Receipt of these funds does not commit the City to ongoing funding.

RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN

This agreement supports the Strategic Plan initiative under Priority #2: Improving Quality of Life for South San Francisco residents by strengthening learning programs.

CONCLUSION

Approval of the contract will enable Library staff to participate in the BLIS program, providing an opportunity for SSF children to retain academic and social program during the summer break. It is recommended that the City Council authorize an agreement between the San Mateo County Library and the SSF Public Library and approve Budget Amendment 20.043 accepting up to \$9,209 in reimbursement funding.