



Legislation Text

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Report regarding 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 program in South San Francisco and approving Budget Amendment 23.055 accepting up to \$15,000 in reimbursement funding. *(Valerie Sommer, Library Director)*

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 23.055 accepting up to \$15,000 in reimbursement funding.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

The Big Lift Inspiring Summers program, supported by SMCo Measure K funds, will again operate two sites in South San Francisco (City), one at Spruce Elementary and another at Los Cerritos Elementary. This free, five-week, full day program, scheduled from June 14 - July 20, 2023, includes reading, science and art projects, and learning-focused fun and games for children entering kindergarten, 1st, 2nd and 3rd grade. This special early learning effort is focused on improving literacy skills during a time many students experience a decline in their reading level. To support this important program, South San Francisco Public Library (Library) is providing one Site Coach for the Spruce Elementary School site. The Site Coach works with the principals, teachers, and facilitators to implement a cutting-edge curriculum intended to ignite youth to have self-confidence, explore, be creative, problem solve, and develop a love of learning. The work of the Site Coach also includes pre-program training on curriculum, program logistics and coaching.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds will be used to amend the Library Department's current FY 2022-2023 Operating Budget per Budget Amendment 23.055. Funds not expended in this fiscal year will be carried over into fiscal year 2022-2023. Receipt of these funds does not commit the City to ongoing funding.

RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Strengthening of learning programs is an action item in the City's Strategic Plan under Priority #2: Quality of Life. This funding will allow the Library to encourage and support reading and learning for local elementary school students enrolled in this summer's Big Lift Inspiring Summers program.

CONCLUSION

Approval of the agreement will enable Library staff to participate in the BLIS program, providing an opportunity for SSF children to maintain academic and social skills during the summer break. It is recommended that the City Council authorize an agreement between the San Mateo County Library and the South San Francisco Public Library and approve Budget Amendment 23.055 accepting up to \$15,000 in reimbursement funding.