



Legislation Text

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Report regarding a resolution authorizing the acceptance of \$10,000 in grant funding from the Silicon Valley Community Foundation (SVCF) to support the South San Francisco Public Library's literacy services' Census 2020 project and approving Budget Amendment 20.018. (*Valerie Sommer, Library Director*)

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council adopt a resolution authorizing the acceptance of \$10,000 in grant funding from the SVCF to support the South San Francisco Public Library's literacy services' Census 2020 project and approving Budget Amendment 20.018.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

South San Francisco Public Library's Community Learning Center was awarded \$10,000 in grant funding from the Silicon Valley Community Foundation (SVCF) to support programs and outreach campaigns to bring awareness of the importance of an accurate Census 2020 count to South San Francisco. The Community Learning Center will conduct outreach campaigns and provide educational opportunities to underrepresented, hard-to-count, South San Francisco residents including people of color, immigrants, low-income communities, and children, in hopes of gaining valuable and accurate statistics for Census 2020. Funding from the SVCF will fund 1) hiring of community members as Census 2020 community ambassadors for Get Out the Count coordination, and 2) educational activities and assistance for hard-to-count communities to encourage and support filling out the Census form. The goal is to ensure that hard-to-count populations understand the importance of the census and encourage the completion of the Census 2020 form. A successful census relies on everyone's participation and will help benefit the community by providing the basis for reapportioning congressional seats <https://www.census.gov/library/video/census_apportionment_machine.html>, redistricting, and distributing federal funds annually to support states, counties and communities' vital programs - housing, education, transportation, employment, health care and public policy.

FISCAL IMPACT

Grant funds will be used to amend the Library Department's current Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-2020 Operating Budget via Budget Amendment 20.018. Receipt of these funds does not commit the City to ongoing funding.

RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Acceptance of this grant will contribute to the City's Strategic Plan under Priority #6: Community Connections, by developing an outreach plan for Census 2020.

CONCLUSION

Receipt of these funds will enable the Library to engage hard-to-count populations through the literacy services' Census 2020 project. It is recommended that the City Council accept \$10,000 in grant funding to support literacy services programming and approve Budget Amendment 20.018.