

# *STAFF REPORT*



# ITEM NO. **8**

## *CITY OF OCEANSIDE*

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DATE: May 10, 2006

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers

FROM: Library Department

SUBJECT: **APPROVAL TO ACCEPT \$39,000 IN GRANT FUNDS FROM THE BILL AND MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION PUBLIC ACCESS HARDWARE UPGRADE PROGRAM (PAC HUG) AWARDED TO THE OCEANSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR PUBLIC ACCESS COMPUTER REPLACEMENT AND APPROVAL TO BUDGET THESE FUNDS TO THE LIBRARY GENERAL CONTRIBUTIONS ACCOUNT**

### **SYNOPSIS**

Staff recommends City Council approval to accept \$39,000 in grant funds from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Public Access Hardware Upgrade Program (PAC HUG) awarded to the Oceanside Public Library for public access computer replacement and approval to budget these funds to the Library General Contributions account.

### **BACKGROUND**

On April 8, 1999, the Gates Learning Foundation announced that it would distribute more than \$11 million to California libraries to purchase computers, Internet access and training for public libraries serving low-income communities. The Oceanside Public Library submitted grant applications in November 1999 and received two funding awards for purchase of 26 computers. In March 2006, the Library was notified that it is eligible to receive a grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation PAC HUG program in the amount of \$39,000. The grant provides funds to replace or upgrade the library's older public access computers and purchase new computer software as needed.

### **ANALYSIS**

The grant funds may only be used for computers for the public and necessary software. An estimated total of 30 new computers will be purchased for the Civic Center Library, Mission Branch Library and Community Computer Center. The grant period will commence immediately, with all grant funds expended and installation completed by December 31, 2006.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

This action appropriates \$39,000 of Gates PAC HUG Grant funding to the Library General Contributions account. The revenue account is 276.526532.4802.00004 and the expenditure account is 276.526532.5393.

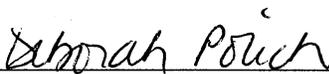
**CITY ATTORNEY'S ANALYSIS**

City Attorney analysis does not apply.

**RECOMMENDATION**

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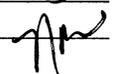
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