ITEM NO. 11

STAFF REPORT

CITY OF OCEANSIDE

DATE: August 20, 2008

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers

FROM: Library Department

SUBJECT: **APPROVAL TO ACCEPT $3,681 IN GRANT FUNDS FROM THE CALIFORNIA STATE LIBRARY FOR THE PUBLIC LIBRARY STAFF EDUCATION GRANT PROGRAM AND APPROPRIATE SAID FUNDS TO THE LIBRARY DEPARTMENT**

SYNOPSIS

Staff recommends City Council approval to accept $3,681 in grant funds from the California State Library for the Public Library Staff Education Grant Program and appropriate said funds to the Library Department.

BACKGROUND

Since the inception of the Public Library Staff Education grant program in 2005, Oceanside Public Library has received grants from the California State Library for staff members to assist in their graduate studies for a Masters Degree in Library Information and Technology. The awards have been:

$9,415	2005-2006	(two staff members)
$11,625	2006-2007	(two staff members)
$ 8,141	2007-2008	(two staff members)

The current award provides another year of funding totaling $3,681 which will enable one staff member to continue her professional training.

ANALYSIS

The grant period will commence immediately, with all grant funds to be expended by June 30, 2009. The grant includes funds for the reimbursement of tuition and fees associated with the cost of eligible graduate library school courses.

Award funds are authorized for the reimbursement of mandatory university fees for eligible graduate library school courses completed Summer 2008 through Spring 2009.

FISCAL IMPACT

The grant award will reimburse the City for expenditures related to staff tuition for mandatory university fees. The $3,681 in grant funds will be appropriated to the LTSA-Scholarship account (272.526512.4456.06512) and transferred to (272.526512.5311) and will reimburse $3,681 in costs related to employee tuition for eligible graduate courses. There is no additional fiscal impact.

CITY ATTORNEY'S ANALYSIS

The referenced documents have been reviewed by the City Attorney and approved as to form.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends City Council approval to accept $3,681 in grant funds from the California State Library for the Public Library Staff Education Grant Program and appropriate said funds to the Library Department.

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