ITEM NO. 15

STAFF REPORT

CITY OF OCEANSIDE

DATE: September 12, 2007

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers

FROM: Library Department

SUBJECT: **APPROVAL TO ACCEPT $25,000 IN GRANT FUNDS FROM THE CALIFORNIA STATE LIBRARY FOR AN EARLY LEARNING WITH FAMILIES GRANT, AND APPROVAL TO APPROPRIATE THESE FUNDS TO THE LIBRARY DEPARTMENT**

SYNOPSIS

Staff recommends City Council approval to accept $25,000 in grant funds from the California State Library for the Early Learning with Families Grant Program, and approval to appropriate these funds to the Library Department.

BACKGROUND

In FY 2006-2007, the Library was awarded a $5,000 Early Learning mini-grant to develop new library services for parents and caregivers and create children's programs that focus on developmentally appropriate early learning concepts. Based on the success of the first year, the Library submitted a grant application for project continuation in FY 2007-2008 and was awarded $25,000 on July 16, 2007. The current award provides funding to expand training opportunities to other Library staff and community partners, promotion of early learning services to parents and caregivers, and the development of a specialized collection for public use. Comfortable furnishings and educational toys will be purchased to create a welcoming family environment in the children's area of the Library.

ANALYSIS

Oceanside Public Library has been awarded a Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant for FY 2007-2008 from the California State Library in the amount of $25,000 for the Early Learning with Families (ELF) program. The grant period will commence immediately, with all grant funds to be expended by June 30, 2008. Grant funds will be supplemented by in-kind services and materials already budgeted within the Library Department.

FISCAL IMPACT

A budget appropriation in the amount of $25,000 in grant funds from the California State Library to the LTSA-Early Learning with Families account (272.526523.4456.00095) will be

allocated as follows:

$8,000 for hiring expert trainers for multiple sessions (272.526523.5254)
$5,000 for purchase of library materials (272.52653.5261)
$5,000 for purchase of marketing materials (272.526523.5226)
$1,000 for design services from a graphic artist to customize attractive, professional brochures, flyers and bookmarks (272.526523.5229)
$6,000 for purchase of furnishings appropriate for parents and caregivers with very young children (272.526523.5393)

The Library will provide in-kind services, necessary staffing, and grant administration and will supplement the project with funds already budgeted within the Library Department. 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 $25,000 in grant funds from the California State Library for the Early Learning with Families Grant Program, and approval to appropriate these funds to the Library Department.

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