



STAFF REPORT
2/23/2022

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Maritza Martinez, Public Works Director

SUBJECT: Authorize appropriation of \$25,000 for augmenting Coachella Library Programming and Collection.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize appropriation of \$25,000 for augmenting Coachella Library Programming and Collection.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

On June 27, 2018, City Council approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the County of Riverside and City of Coachella for library services at the new Coachella Library located at 1500 Sixth Street. The MOU identifies that the County will operate the Coachella Library for forty (40) hours each week at no cost to the City. Additionally, the MOU identifies that the City provides for all utility expenses and building maintenance needs for the facility.

Outside of the annual facility costs, additional funding has not been appropriated for library programming. Recently, the City received an appropriations request from County library staff requesting the City consider funding library programming. The request was for \$25,000 for the following programs/hard costs: 1) youth programming (arts and crafts, story times, special events, etc.), 2) increasing the Spanish and Young Adult collection and 3) hard costs for youth furniture pieces. The Coachella Library patronage numbers since October 2021 are some of highest in the Riverside County Library System Coachella Valley based branches. Some local cities contribute to County operated library programming and staff is recommending consideration of the requested program funds (\$25,000). Providing the additional monetary support to library programming will allow the Coachella Library to continue to grow and sustain the Coachella Library's patronage numbers.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The recommended action will appropriate \$25,000 from unallocated general fund reserves to Library Programming.

Attachment: Library Donation Proposal