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File Number 0480-70

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## **SUBJECT**

**CALIFORNIA LIBRARY LITERACY SERVICES ESL GRANT \$52,000 -**

## **DEPARTMENT**

Communications & Community Services

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Request the City Council approve Resolution 2022-30, authorizing the Deputy City Manager / Director of Communications & Community Services, or her designee, to receive grant funds and execute on its behalf, grant related documents necessary for the completion of the English as a Second Language Services.

Staff Recommendation: Approval (Communications & Community Services: Joanna Axelrod)

Presenter: Joanna Axelrod

## **FISCAL ANALYSIS**

There is no matching requirement or impact to the General Fund.

## **PREVIOUS ACTION**

None.

## **BACKGROUND**

The FY 2021-22 State budget included one-time California Library Literacy Services funding of \$15 million for English as a Second Language (“ESL”) Services. These funds will be allocated over a five-year period. The state library has awarded the Escondido Public Library \$52,000 in Year 1 funding, and we anticipate receiving the same funding level for the next four years.

This funding is separate from the funding received already in support of the Adult Literacy and Families for Literacy programs and will be used to establish an ESL program beginning in June 2022. Funds will be used to purchase ESL learning materials and supporting technology, hire dedicated part-time ESL staff, and conduct staff training. Programming will focus on small group instruction via ESL instructors, trained volunteer tutors with tailored learning instruction focused around learner goals, and in-person or virtual offerings to meet the community’s needs. It is anticipated that this service, provided free to participants, will impact 60 community members in the first year by helping to facilitate better verbal and written



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communication and language comprehension skills, engaging with a wider portion of the community to educate them on the services and materials offered by the library, and supporting the achievement of learner goals which include but are not limited to the pursuit of higher education, registering to vote, passing college entrance exams, and earning higher-paid jobs.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

- a. Resolution No. 2022-30

### **ATTACHMENTS**

- a. Attachment "1" - Budget Adjustment