RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Authorize the County Librarian to Accept a Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant - "Services for Small Businesses in a Box"

Contingent upon passage of the State budget, Mariposa County Library grant application for the ‘Services for Small Businesses in a Box” has been approved. ‘Services for Small Businesses in a Box,’ seeks to address the information needs of business people by providing a ‘solution in a box’ for public libraries: a package (database subscriptions, customizable Web pages and promotional materials, speakers for library programs, supplemental reference), training, and a small grant award for collection development and other purchases related to the program. The library agrees to participate in the training events and involve the local business community in the project development and implementation. A grant applicant agrees to prepare and submit a plan for the mini-grant of $3,000-$6,000 for collection development and other purchases related to the program. The grant period will begin on October 1, 2004 and conclude on August 31, 2005.

The library staff will not be working out of class because in the job description for basic functions and responsibilities for Library Assistant I and II part of their duties listed is to “assist patrons with reference request, and locates and provides requested materials and information to library patrons.” The library staff for Mariposa Main Library has answered 2060 reference questions between July 2003 and May 2004.

The Mariposa County Librarian is requesting that the Board of Supervisors authorize her to accept the LSTA Grant for ‘Services for Small Businesses in a Box.’

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
The Board of Supervisors has authorized the County Librarian to accept grants. Res.No.: 03-434,03-355.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
The Mariposa County Library would not have adequate and up-to-date resources for the business collection.

Financial Impact? (Y) Yes (N) No  Current FY Cost: $
Budgeted In Current FY? (Y) Yes (N) No  Partially Funded
Amount in Budget: $3,000-6,000
Additional Funding Needed: $
Source:
Internal Transfer
Unanticipated Revenue  √  4/5’s vote
Transfer Between Funds
Contingency  4/5’s vote
( ) General  ( ) Other

CLERK’S USE ONLY:
Res. No.: 2002-300  Ord. No. ______
Vote – Ayes: ______  Noes: ______
Absent: ______
Approved
( ) Minute Order Attached  ( ) No Action Necessary

The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.
Date: ________
Attest: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board
County of Mariposa, State of California
By: ________
Deputy

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:
Requested Action Recommended
No Opinion
Comments:

CAO: ________

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