

DEPARTMENT: Library

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RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION: (Policy Item: Yes \_\_\_ No )

Authorization for the Mariposa Library to apply for a Federal Library Literacy grant and contract with METR (Mariposa Educational Tutor Resource) to provide literacy services.

**BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:**

Grant funds are available from the United States Dept. of Education under the Library-Literacy Program. The Mariposa Learn to Read Program had previously received such a grant for FY 93-94. (The Learn to Read Program has been discontinued as a county program due to the end of grant funding from the State) METR (Mariposa Educational Tutor Resource) a non-profit organization, will provide literacy services, but only eligible applicants to apply for this grant are state and public libraries.

**LIST ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:** See attached.

If the Board does not approve submission of an application, this funding source would not be available.

<b>COSTS:</b> ( ) Not Applicable A. Budgeted current FY \$ _____ B. Total anticipated costs \$ _____ C. Required additional funding \$ _____ D. Internal transfers \$ _____		<b>SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:</b> List the attachments and number the pages consecutively: _____ _____ _____ _____
<b>SOURCE:</b> ( ) 4/5ths Vote Required A. Unanticipated revenues \$ _____ B. Reserve for contingencies \$ _____ C. Source description: _____ Balance in Reserve for Contingencies, if approved: \$ _____		

**CLERK'S USE ONLY:**  
 Res. No.: 94-496 Ord. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Vote - Ayes: 5 Noes: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Absent: \_\_\_\_\_ Abstained: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approved ( ) Denied ( )  
 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

**ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:**  
 This item on agenda as:  
 Recommended  
 Not Recommended  
 For Policy Determination  
 Submitted with Comment  
 Returned for Further Action  
 Comment: \_\_\_\_\_  
 A.O. Initials: mc / by mws

Background and history of Board Actions continued:

The United States Department of Education Library Literacy Program states: "Local public libraries may use grant funds to promote the use of the voluntary services of individuals, agencies, and organizations in providing adult literacy programs." If the grant is awarded the County Library can contract with METR (Mariposa Educational Tutor Resource). Several other California counties provide Literacy service in this way - through a contract with their County Library and a literacy provider. (Mariposa County Mental Health contracts with Kingsview to provide services).

Increasing literacy and helping non library users to utilize a broader range of library resources would be the primary focus of this grant. The goals of this grant will be to assist functionally illiterate adults to read at a high school level; increase the number of volunteer library/literacy tutors; assist parents of young children on how to share books with the family; increase the number of adults holding library cards and increase visits to the library. METR staff and volunteers would work with the Mariposa Library staff to achieve these goals. The grant would benefit the Library System in expanding the base of library users as well as benefiting those in need of literacy services.

The closing date for applications is December 2, 1994.