



**MEMORANDUM
LIBRARY
ADMINISTRATION**
County of Placer

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors **DATE:** March 8, 2022
FROM: Mary George, Director of Library Services
BY: Melissa O'Neal, Management Analyst I
SUBJECT: Building Forward: Library Infrastructure Grant Program

ACTION REQUESTED

Adopt a resolution authorizing the County Executive Officer or designee to execute and submit applications and related documents for the California State Library Building Forward: Library Infrastructure Grant Program.

BACKGROUND

The Budget Act of 2021 (SB129) allocated \$439 Million in one-time funds to the California State Library to address life-safety and critical maintenance needs of public library facilities throughout California. In February 2022 the California State Library released guidelines regarding its Building Forward: Library Infrastructure Grant Program. This grant program prioritizes funding for local libraries located in high poverty areas of the state. The maximum grant amount per library facility is \$10 Million with a dollar-for-dollar match requirement, and all projects related to this grant must be completed by March 2026.

Two libraries in the Placer County Library system that serve communities with the highest percent of population in poverty based on the California Poverty Measure (Source: California State Library, California Poverty Measure Data for Libraries <https://www.library.ca.gov/grants/infrastructure/>) are Auburn (19.87%) and Kings Beach (18.51%). Given the grant guidelines, Library Services intends to submit one application for critical infrastructure upgrades at the Auburn Library and another application for planning and acquisition, construction, or tenant upgrades for a Kings Beach Library location.

For the Kings Beach Library project, Library staff, along with staff from the County Executive Office, Facilities Management, and Economic Development are exploring location options including existing county-owned facilities, potential lease opportunities, and sites for possible construction of a new library. Given the ongoing library study is currently a work-in-progress, several potential sites will be considered. Consistent with the grant criteria, preliminary planning is also considering co-locating a library with ancillary community-serving uses, such as community meeting rooms which could serve as an emergency/fire evacuation site, a warming/cooling center, or a venue for community classes and/or events. Both applications will include the allowed 10% allocation towards grant administration.

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FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact to apply for this grant. Upon award of any funds related to this grant opportunity, Library Services will return to your Board with additional information on proposed projects and funding sources for the required dollar-for-dollar county match.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 - Resolution

Before the Board of Supervisors County of Placer, State of California

In the matter of:

A resolution authorizing the County Executive Officer or designee to execute and submit applications and related documents for the California State Library Building Forward: Library Infrastructure Grant Program

Resolution No.: _____

The following Resolution was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer at a regular meeting held _____, by the following vote:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Signed and approved by me after its passage.

Chair, Board of Supervisors

Attest:

Clerk of said Board

WHEREAS, the Budget Act of 2021 (SB129) allocated \$439 Million in one-time funds to the California State Library to address life-safety and critical maintenance needs of public library facilities throughout California, and

WHEREAS, in February 2022 the California State Library released guidelines regarding their Building Forward: Library Infrastructure Grant Program, and

WHEREAS, this grant program prioritizes funding for local libraries located in high poverty areas of the state, and

WHEREAS, the maximum grant amount per library facility is \$10 Million with a 100% match requirement, and all projects related to this grant must be completed by March 2026, and

WHEREAS, two libraries in the Placer County Library system that serve communities with highest percent of population in poverty based on the California Poverty Measure are Auburn (19.87%) and Kings Beach (18.51%), and

WHEREAS, Placer County Library Services is desirous of submitting two applications for the Building Forward: Library Infrastructure Grant Program,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors, County of Placer, State of California, that the Board of Supervisors authorizes the County Executive Officer or designee to execute and submit applications and related documents for the California State Library Building Forward: Library Infrastructure Grant Program.