



NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: August 8, 2017

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Laura Pappani, County Librarian**

SUBJECT: Resolution accepting a grant from the California State Library for \$76,700 in federal Library Services and Technology Act funds for a project to develop and administer a technology lending library and to amend the Fiscal Year 2017/18 Library budget to reflect the additional revenue and related expenses.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the Resolution

FUNDING: This FY17/18 grant of \$76,700 requires amendment to the Library budget, which is included in Resolution. The funding source is the federal Library Services and Technology Act, administered in California by the State Library, and there is no matching requirement. There is no impact on the General Fund.

BACKGROUND: The Nevada County Community Library works closely with the school systems in Nevada County on various projects and collaborations every year. One unmet need commonly expressed by school teachers and officials is the lack of technology available to teachers for teaching STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and math) subjects in their classrooms.

To address that need, the Library proposed and received a grant through the California State Library's "Pitch-An-Idea" program, which allocates funding from the federal Library Services and Technology Act to innovative projects statewide. With the funding from this \$76,700 grant, the Library will establish a collection of 26 classroom sets of various technologies such as robots, iPads, building sets, and microphones. These sets can be checked out by teachers for use in their classrooms and will also be available to nonprofit organizations that serve our County's youth. Technology sets will come with how-to guides and ideas on how to use them to teach principles of coding, robotics, engineering, content creation, design, and mathematics.

The Library will also be using the technology sets in community programs such as Family Tech Nights, technology programs for teens, and public classes planned for Madelyn Helling, Grass Valley, Truckee, and the Mobile Technology Van. It is expected that the Library's Technology Lending Library will be a popular resource for the education of young people in our county.

Item Initiated and Approved by: Laura Pappani, County Librarian