

CITY OF OAKLAND

Agenda Report

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TO: Office of the City Administrator
ATTN: Deborah Edgerly
FROM: Library Department
DATE: July 13, 2004
RE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND APPROPRIATE A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,000 FROM THE NATIONAL NETWORK OF LIBRARIES OF MEDICINE (NN/LM) ACCESS TO ELECTRONIC HEALTH INFORMATION PROJECT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2004-2005.

SUMMARY

Staff recommends that the City Council approve a resolution authorizing the City Administrator to apply for, accept, and appropriate grant funds in the amount of \$8,000 for fiscal year 2004-2005 from the National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NN/LM) Access to Electronic Health Information Project. The grant will allow Oakland Public Library to conduct community training in use of the Internet for health information research. Library staff is interested in targeting Spanish-speaking Oakland residents who are interested in researching the health impacts of diabetes.

FISCAL IMPACT

The acceptance of this NN/LM grant will have no impact on the General Fund. The NN/LM grant will fund training to be provided by outside services and also associated material costs. It will be appropriated to Organization 61236, Fund 7540 (Oakland Public Library Trust) in a project to be established.

BACKGROUND

In order to insure public access to electronic health information such as Medline Plus and Medline Plus Spanish version, the National Network of Libraries of Medicine is making grants available to participating libraries to form partnerships for providing training and promoting access by other technological means to this information, such as website links.

KEY ISSUES AND IMPACTS

Use of the Internet has increased the public's knowledge of many subjects, among them medicine. But another result of the huge digital divide that exists in low income communities is that people who are at most risk for certain diseases and conditions and who would benefit most

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from the sort of free information available on the Internet, do not know how to use the Internet medical research services and in many cases do not own or know how to use a computer.

Public libraries bridge the information gap in Oakland and other communities by providing public access computers and free Internet access, and then training residents to search medical databases and find the health information they need.

Because of the availability of Medline Plus in Spanish, it was determined that the Library should target Spanish-speaking Oakland residents for this project, and use diabetes health information as the drawing card.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Oakland Public Library will provide a series of six two-part community training sessions at three library locations (the Main Library, Cesar Chavez Branch Library, and Brookfield Branch Library) to instruct community residents in use of Medline Plus and Medline Plus Spanish version. The training will target Spanish-speaking residents who would like to learn more about diabetes, a disease that afflicts Spanish-speaking communities at a very high rate. The Library will collaborate with local diabetes and Spanish-speaking groups to recruit students, and will enlist the help of a nutritionist and local Mexican restaurant to provide dietary health information and healthy snacks to participants.

SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES

An informed and educated population is more likely to become aware of, learn about and practice sustainability. The provision of electronic health information training will expand the education of participants, lead them to increase their use of the Internet as an information tool, and help them learn to prolong their lives, the most important sustainability issue of all.

DISABILITY AND SENIOR CITIZEN ACCESS

All Oakland Public Library facilities, programs and services are ADA accessible.

RECOMMENDATIONS AND RATIONALE

Staff recommends that the City Council approve this resolution in order to support Oakland Public Library's training of community residents in accessing health information on the Internet, particularly Spanish-speaking residents at increased risk of developing diabetes.

ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL

That the City Council approve the resolution authorizing the City Administrator to apply for, accept and appropriate a grant in the amount of \$8,000 from the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, Access to Electronic Health Information Project for Fiscal Year 2004-2005.

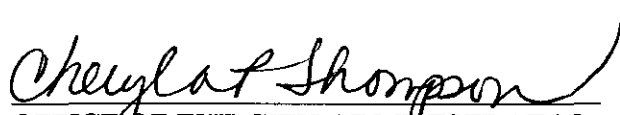
Respectfully submitted,



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Program Management

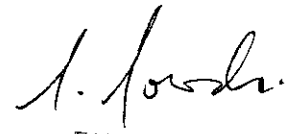
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RESOLUTION NO. _____

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND, TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND APPROPRIATE A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,000 FROM THE NATIONAL NETWORK OF LIBRARIES OF MEDICINE ACCESS TO ELECTRONIC HEALTH INFORMATION PROJECT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2004-2005

WHEREAS, the National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NN/LM) has made available grant funding in its Access to Electronic Health Information Program for fiscal year 2004-2005; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland desires to apply for and accept a grant in the amount of eight thousand dollars (\$8,000) from the NN/LM for fiscal year 2004-2005 to support community training for Spanish-speaking residents in accessing diabetes health information on the Internet; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the City Administrator or her designee is hereby authorized and directed to apply for and accept an NN/LM grant in the amount of eight thousand dollars (\$8,000) for the purpose described above, with the grant appropriated to Organization 61236, Fund 7540, and in a project to be established; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Council hereby appoints the City Administrator or her designee as agent of the City to conduct all negotiations, applications, agreements, payment requests, and related actions which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project in accordance with its basic purpose; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That should additional funds be received, the City Administrator or her designee is hereby authorized to appropriate same for the purposes described above.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 2004

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES – BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, NADEL, QUAN, REID, WAN AND PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE

NOES -

ABSENT -

ASTENTION –

ATTEST: _____

CEDA FLOYD
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
Of the City of Oakland, California

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