

**LOS ANGELES PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD REPORT**

August 11, 2022

TO: Board of Library Commissioners

FROM: John F. Szabo, City Librarian

SUBJECT: **APPROVAL OF EXTENSION OF CALIFORNIA STATE LIBRARY LSTA SHARED VISION GRANT SPENDING THROUGH AUG. 31, 2022 FOR THE LOS ANGELES PUBLIC LIBRARY'S FUTURE READY TEENS: SAFE SPACES INITIATIVE**

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Library Commissioners adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the Board of Library Commissioners approves and accepts the extension of the California State Library LSTA Shared Vision grant spending for the Los Angeles Public Library's Future Ready Teens: Safe Spaces program; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the remaining funds that were deposited in Trust Fund 419, Code 356 are able to be spent/encumbered through August 31, 2022.

FINDINGS:

1. The Future Ready Teens: Safe Spaces Grant has been used to expand the reach of the Get the Balance Right initiative, which was funded by an LSTA grant in July 2019 to increase services for teens and offer training for teen librarians on health, wellness, and adulthood readiness. The Future Ready Teens: Safe Spaces funds have been used to create additional teen-led programming and resources through revitalizing and enhancing teen areas in order to provide safe, welcoming and creative spaces for learning in all of our branches and Central Library.
2. Approximately 25 Safe Spaces orders that the library had thought were encumbered prior to the grant deadline were not placed or were canceled by the vendors due to pandemic-related supply chain issues. In order to complete the project successfully, the library has requested and received an extension from the California State Library to encumber the remaining funds.
3. Locations where spaces were successfully placed have seen an increase in teen attendance at the library and involvement in activities and programs related to health and well-being, college/career readiness.

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Attachment A: Resolution

LIBRARY RESOLUTION NO. 2022-XX (C-XX)

WHEREAS, On April 23, 2020, the Los Angeles Public Library Board of Library Commissioners accepted the Los Angeles Public Library (LAPL) Future Ready Teens: Safe Spaces program's \$250,000 grant funds from the California State Library to create additional teen-led programming and resources through revitalizing and enhancing teen areas in order to provide safe, welcoming and creative spaces for learning in all of our branches and Central Library; and

WHEREAS, This grant extension through August 31, 2022 must be accepted by the Board of Library Commissioners to continue spending out this award;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Library Commissioners accept the California State Library LSTA Shared Vision grant spending extension for the Los Angeles Public Library's Future Ready Teens: Safe Spaces program for Fiscal Year 2022/23; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the funds be deposited into Trust Fund 419, Account 356.

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