

LOS ANGELES PUBLIC LIBRARY  
BOARD REPORT

August 12, 2021

TO: Board of Library Commissioners

FROM: John F. Szabo, City Librarian

SUBJECT: **ACCEPTANCE OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND CULTURE COMMUNITY IMPACT ARTS GRANT OF \$5,480 FOR THE LOS ANGELES PUBLIC LIBRARY'S ADULT LITERACY SERVICES**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Board of Library Commissioners adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the Board of Library Commissioners accepts the Los Angeles County Department of Arts and Culture Community Impact Arts grant of \$5,480 for the Los Angeles Public Library's Adult Literacy Services; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the funds be deposited in Trust Fund 831, Account No. 365.

**FINDINGS:**

1. On July 13, 2021 the Los Angeles County Department of Arts and Culture (LADAC) announced on behalf of their department and Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors that Los Angeles Public Library Adult Literacy Services was awarded a 2021-22 Community Impact Arts Grant.
2. Adult Literacy Services will contract a teaching artist from DSTL Arts to instruct low-literate adults in the Adult Literacy program, a majority of whom are English learners, in poetry & literature during 3, 6-week sessions. Sessions will be open to all with priority given to enrolled Adult Literacy learners and volunteers.
3. The grant will pay for artist fees and fees paid to DSTL Arts which will be matched by \$11,520 local fees which will be used for additional payment for artist fees as well as project materials and supplies including an original book of written work produced by workshop participants which will be placed into the library's literacy centers and collections.
4. In order to receive the funds, we ask that the Board delegate authority to sign the contract with LACDAC to Principal Librarian Alicia Ramirez who oversees the Office of Education and Literacy.
5. This grant will allow Adult Literacy Services to expand on a successful pilot series of workshops funded by Los Angeles Public Library's IDEAS grants in January and February of 2021.

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Reviewed by: Alicia Ramirez, Principal Librarian, Department of Lifelong Learning  
Eva Mitnick, Director, Engagement & Learning Division

**RESOLUTION  
(Amended Draft)**

August 12, 2021

LIBRARY RESOLUTION NO. 2021-XX (C-XX)

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