



REPORT TO MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL

DATE: June 10, 2008

SUBJECT: Yolo County Clerk's Office Funds for the Voter Literacy Program

Report in Brief

The Woodland Public Library Literacy Service has entered into a new program with the Yolo County Clerks Office to offer voting literacy tutoring and materials for those in the Inmate Tutoring Program at Monroe Detention Center as well as for those in the general literacy program. The Yolo County Clerk's Office has granted the Literacy Service \$5,000 annually to administer this program.

Staff recommends that the City Council authorize acceptance of this grant from the County of Yolo for the specific purposes of implementing the voter literacy program.

Background

The Woodland Public Library Literacy Service has for the past 21 years met the needs of those seeking instruction in basic literacy skills such as reading, writing and comprehension through its volunteer, one-on-one tutoring of adult students. In addition to the general literacy program, the Library provides inmate literacy tutoring programs at the Monroe Detention Center and Juvenile Hall. Staff is currently in the process of developing a homeless tutoring program in collaboration with the Yolo Wayfarer Center.

Fiscal Impact

There is no impact on the City General Fund. The grant will be used exclusively for the voter literacy program in Fund 301.

Recommendation for Action

Staff recommends that the City Council authorize acceptance of this grant from the County of Yolo for the specific purposes of implementing the voter literacy program.

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