



REPORT TO MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL

DATE: June 10, 2008

SUBJECT: Soroptimists International Grants Funds for “No Barriers”

Report in Brief

The Woodland Public Library Literacy Service, in collaboration with the “No Barriers” community integration program for adults with developmental disabilities, administers a basic literacy program working with both the counselors and clients supplying them with training and materials. Materials include not only teacher training materials but student workbooks and materials in basic reading, writing and comprehension. The Soroptimist International of Davis has granted the Literacy Service \$750 for the purchase of new student workbooks and literacy materials.

Staff recommends that the City Council authorize acceptance of this grant from the Soroptimists International of Davis for the specific purpose of purchasing literacy materials for the “No Barriers” 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 has provided 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 “No Barriers” literacy program in Fund 301. Other resources necessary to support the program are included in the Library’s proposed FY09 budget.

Recommendation for Action

Staff recommends that the City Council authorize acceptance of this grant from the Soroptimists International of Davis for the specific purpose of purchasing literacy materials for the “No Barriers” program.

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