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**IMPERIAL CITY COUNCIL
 AGENDA ITEM**

SUBJECT: DISCUSSION/ACTION: 1. Ratify Letter of Support regarding Imperial County Free Library " "Play for ALL" LSTA Grant	
DEPARTMENT INVOLVED: <u>Library</u>	
BACKGROUND/SUMMARY: The California State Library (CSL) Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) recently provided a grant opportunity, Play for All, that closed on March 6, 2024. The purpose of the grant is to support improvement, innovation, and experimentation in library services in addition to assist local libraries develop services that effectively respond to community needs and align with community aspirations. The Imperial County Free Library (ICFL) applied for the grant to continue the Libraries on the Spectrum (LoS) program that originated in 2019 and was awarded in 2020 by the California State Library through the collaboration of the local municipal libraries and the Imperial County FREE Library to provide environmental changes, resources and programming at all libraries within the Imperial County to better serve families and their family members with autism spectrum disorder. The ICFL requested a letter of support from the Imperial Public Library in 2023. Since then, ICFL was notified on June 4th it would be awarded the funding. Part of the grant requirements is to provide letters of support from each municipal library. The LoS program, managed by the ICFL, creates a welcoming space and programs for our underserved population creating a more inclusive and equitable community.	
FISCAL IMPACT: No fiscal impact	FINANCE INITIALS <u>UMS</u>
STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends Council to ratify the Letter of Support for the Imperial County Free Library "Play for All" Grant. This grant will enable the continuation of the Libraries on the Spectrum programming at all libraries located in Imperial County.	DEPT. INITIALS <u>AK</u>
MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION: <u>approve</u>	CITY MANAGER'S INITIALS <u>JHM</u>
MOTION:	
SECONDED:	APPROVED () DISAPPROVED ()
AYES:	REJECTED () DEFERRED ()
NAYES:	REFERRED TO:
ABSENT:	



June 4, 2024

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RE: Letter of Support: Imperial County Free Library "Play for All" LSTA Grant

To Whom it May Concern:

On behalf of the City of Imperial ("City") and the Imperial Public Library, I write this letter of support for the Imperial County Free Library's grant application, "Play for All" under the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant program. Funding through this program will aid in continuing the Libraries on the Spectrum Program in Imperial County.

Imperial Public Library, along with the three (3) municipal libraries in the Imperial County, have been a partner with the Imperial County Free Library since the start of the Libraries on the Spectrum program in 2020. Imperial County Free Library's vision, leadership, and implementation of this inclusive program has welcomed a community who originally were anxious to visit their library. The "Play for All" funding opportunity will enable the continuation of providing the amazing services and activities for this underserved population throughout the Imperial County. Creating a welcoming play space with meaningful programming exemplifies "Libraries on the Spectrum" and we look forward to continued and greater outcomes of this proposed program.

In conclusion, the City supports the Imperial County Free Library's "Play for All" LSTA grant application. This project is a vital towards creating a more inclusive and equitable community. I urge you to consider the profound impact that this initiative will have on our children, families, and the community/Imperial County as a whole. Thank you

Sincerely,


Robert Amparano
Mayor

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