



Agenda Action Form Overview

The Board is requested to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 27BCC006 to recognize \$28,153 for LSTA Grant Funding Awarded by the State Library of North Carolina.

Background/Justification

The grant will fund the “Learning Through Play” initiative which aims to develop interactive early literacy kits, create cognitive toys tailored to diverse needs, offer STEAM-infused early literacy programs, and hold workshops for early readers’ caregivers. The toys will be designed for early learners to build their vocabulary, engage in storytelling, and increase their conversational skills while accommodating diverse learning styles and development needs.

The project will leverage the existing resources of the library’s Innovation Lab. 3D printing, laser cutting, and design technology will all contribute to the development of materials for this program with items designed and manufactured in-house like customizable puzzles, alphabet blocks, and sensory tools. These items will connect literacy with hands-on science and engineering concepts, fostering critical thinking from an early age. This program is supported by grant funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) as administered by the Library of North Carolina, a division of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (IMLS grant number LS-260837-OLS-26).”

Policy Impact

N/A

Procurement Background

N/A

Fiscal Impact

The County match will come from the existing Library budget.

Legal Review

N/A

Recommendation

The County Manager recommends that the Board approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. to recognize \$28,153 for LSTA Grant Funding Awarded by the State Library of North Carolina.