



Agenda Action Form Overview

The Board is requested to recognize \$95,735.00 in grant revenue from the State Library of North Carolina. Durham County Library has been awarded an LSTA 2018-2019 Multi-Year Project Grant (Yr. 1 of 2) for *Practicing Inclusivity: Establishing a Multi-Sensory Environment, Inclusive Playroom, and Mobile Adaptive Technology and Sensory Units for Transformation Main* in the amount of \$95,735.00 in FY19.

Practicing Inclusivity will provide programs, services, resources, and spaces for all members of the community, with special emphasis on individuals with special needs. The goal of *Practicing Inclusivity* is to focus on individuals with special needs, including, but not limited to: autism, developmental delays, emotional disabilities, hearing impairments, intellectual disabilities, orthopedic impairments, specific learning disabilities, speech and/or language impairments, traumatic brain injuries, vision impairments, and other health impairments. The Multi-Sensory Environment, Inclusive Playroom, and Mobile Adaptive Technology and Sensory Units at the renovated Main Library will allow for Durham County Library to expand and improve services, spaces, and programs for individuals with special needs.

This grant is made possible by funding from the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) as administered by the State Library of North Carolina, a division of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources.

Background/Justification

The Library secured this grant in order to better serve residents of Durham County. *Practicing Inclusivity* supports all three goals from North Carolina's LSTA Five Year Plan: it strengthens the capacity of Durham County Library through essential technologies, spaces, and staff training; it expands access to library resources and programs for people with different or special needs; and, it allows Durham County Library to effectively engage with an underserved portion of the community served.

Policy Impact

NA

Procurement Background

NA

Fiscal Impact

The Library agrees that all activities will comply with the attached LSTA Grant Agreement. The State Library of North Carolina will provide \$95,735.00. The Library will be responsible for matching funds of \$39,089.00.

Recommendation

The County Manager recommends that the Board recognize \$95,735.00 in grant revenue from the State Library of North Carolina.