



Legislation Text

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Library Department recommending the Board:

- 1) Approve and authorize the Chair to sign Resolution **025-2023** accepting Building Forward grant award BF-1-21-103 in the amount of \$276,000 for the Cameron Park Library from the California State Library; and
- 2) Delegate authority to the Library Director to execute the Grant Agreement and all grant-related documents, including all associated documents necessary to secure grant funds that do not increase Net County Cost and implement the approved grant program.

FUNDING: 66.7% California State Library Building Forward Library Infrastructure Grant Program, and 33.3% General Fund.

DISCUSSION / BACKGROUND

The Building Forward Library Infrastructure Grant Program provides California's public libraries with support for capital projects addressing critical maintenance needs, improving energy efficiency and sustainability, and expanding access digitally and physically. The Building Forward Library Infrastructure Grant Program is the largest single investment in California's public libraries. The California legislature allocated \$439 million in one-time funds toward this project in 2021 (SB129) and an additional \$50 million in 2022 (AB 179). In Round One of SB 129, the State Library awarded over \$313 million in grants to 246 local libraries to address some of the most pressing life-safety and critical maintenance needs in 182 cities across 34 counties. El Dorado County was awarded three of the 246 local grants for our Cameron Park, South Lake Tahoe, and Pollock Pines Libraries.

The Cameron Park Library project will include the replacement of the library roof, installation of outdoor security cameras, installation of acoustical material for noise abatement, and installation of security and safety glass walls for the teen and children's areas. The total project cost is \$414,000, with a 33.3% County match of \$138,000.

The County match of \$138,000 is being requested from General Fund. The Registrar of Voters uses the library as a Vote Center and ballot box drop-off during the elections. To ensure security and safety, the Registrar of Voters has applied for a Security Camera Grant of \$16,049. If the grant is awarded, the funds would offset the General Fund contribution.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION:

None

ALTERNATIVES

The Board could decline the grant and not replace the roof, install the security camera system, and the safety and security glass walls for the teen and children's library areas.

OTHER DEPARTMENT / AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

Facilities

Elections
IT
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CAO RECOMMENDATION

Approve as recommended.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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CLERK OF THE BOARD FOLLOW UP ACTIONS

Signed resolution to Carolyn Brooks

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