



CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES STAFF REPORT

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Agenda Item No. 8

TO: BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

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TITLE: Grant Acceptance from California Library Literacy Services

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommend the Board of Library Trustees accept a grant from the California Library Literacy Services to support the Newport Beach Public Library's Project Adult Literacy program.

DISCUSSION:

Project Adult Literacy (PAL) offers one-on-one tutoring and small group classes to patrons with low literacy skills. PAL is partially funded by the City's general fund and partially funded through grants, donations, and the fundraising efforts of the Newport Beach Public Library Foundation. One of the major funding resources is through the California Library Literacy Services' annual grant program. A grant of \$41,935 has been awarded to the Newport Beach Public Library (Library) to support our high-quality literacy program. The grant funds will be used towards staffing for the program. The Library has received 90% of the award, \$37,742, for FY 2025-26 and will receive the remaining grant funds, \$4,193, in spring 2026.

Staff recommend the acceptance of this grant by the Board of Library Trustees. If accepted, the funds will be allocated into Library Services Literacy accounts.

NOTICING:

This agenda item has been noticed according to the Brown Act (72 hours in advance of the meeting at which the Board of Library Trustees considers the item).