



Committee Name
Agenda Packet

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AGENDA

A. COUNCIL OPENING

1. Call to Order
2. Introductions
3. Adoption of the Agenda
4. Public Comment – The Public may comment on any items relative to SJVLS and not on the agenda.

B. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION

1. REQUEST FOR DIRECTION: Blackstone Audio Grant Opportunity – Wymer (Attachment 1)

C. CALENDAR ITEMS

1. Set the date and agenda building for the next meeting, tentatively Friday, August 4, 2023, at the Visalia Library.

D. ADJOURNMENT

DATE: May 26, 2023
TO: SJVLS Administrative Council
SUBMITTED BY: Chris Wymer – Administrative Librarian
SUBJECT: eBooks for All Blackstone Audio Collection

DISCUSSION:

This agenda item is a Request for Direction from Administrative Council. SJVLS staff will pursue the direction decided on by Council.

The State Library has approached SJVLS about partnering on an eBooks for All grant opportunity in the upcoming fiscal year to provide all California residents with unlimited, simultaneous use to the full Blackstone Audio Collection for a period of 12 months. The proposed grant for the subscription would provide access to 4,458 titles, at a cost of \$367,785. The pricing per title is \$82.50 when an entire collection is purchased. The price per title increases to \$110.00 if we choose to only purchase a subset of titles in a collection. SJVLS has the flexibility to remove titles and/or entire collections from the subscription prior to applying for funding if we desire. The deadline to apply for the grant is June 20, 2023.

SJVLS would be responsible for providing matching funds for the grant. The initial match is 25% of the funding request, however, SJVLS can propose a lower match requirement when applying for funding. The table below provides a breakdown of the collections included, and the number of titles in each.

Collection	# of Titles
Art & Performing Arts	171
Biography/Autobiography	291
Business, Political Science, Science, etc.	404
Classics	202
Fantasy & Sci Fi	340
General Fiction	799
General Nonfiction	374
History	214
Lifestyle	312
Mystery & Thriller	469
Religion (Nonfiction & Fiction)	307
Romance & Erotica	401
Urban	174
Total	4458

The subscription will be accessible by all California residents, whether they have a library card or not, and can be accessed either through the Palace App, or through Biblioboard’s geolocated eBook platform, Enki. Chris Durr from the State Library negotiated the subscription with Blackstone Audio, and now needs to find a partner library jurisdiction to apply for a grant to provide the resource.

In response to Admin Council’s questions about sustaining the collection after the grant

period, Chris Durr indicated that there is not a plan to sustain the collection after the grant period ends. Access to the titles will end at that time.

In response to Admin Council’s question about why the costs of the collection were not shared across all California Cooperative Systems, he said the “tight timeline [for the grant opportunity] would make it challenging to organize a wider effort.”

SJVLS is requesting direction from Administrative Council on the potential utility of the collection for your patrons, as well as whether we should pursue this opportunity. If Admin Council decides to move forward with the grant application, we also request direction on what match percentage to request when applying, whether we should remove any titles or collections, and how to fund the match requirement.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

If Administrative Council decides to pursue the funding opportunity, there will be financial implications. The current 25% matching funds requirement would require SJVLS to provide \$91,946.25 for the project, 15% matching funds would require \$55,167.75, and 10% would require \$36,778.5. Because our CLSA allocation is budgeted to be expended on the operation of Delivery Services, we cannot use CLSA funds to meet the match requirement.

The 25% and 15% match amounts exceed the total Online Materials budget in the upcoming year. If we were to use the Online Materials budget to fund the match requirement, we would not be able to purchase titles for CloudLibrary in FY 2023-24, which does not seem advisable.

SJVLS staff see two possibilities for funding this opportunity. The first possibility is to authorize a one-time withdrawal from Fund Balance to meet the match requirement. The second possibility would be to divide the match requirement across the members, either equally, or using the either population ratios or the tripartite formula.

Motion:

Second:

_____ PASSED

_____ REJECTED

Grant Amount	25% Match	15% Match	10% Match
\$ 367,785.00	\$ 91,946.25	\$ 55,167.75	\$ 36,778.50

Using Population Ratio				
Member	Ratio	25% Match	15% Match	10% Match
Coalinga	0.58%	\$ 533.29	\$ 319.97	\$ 213.32
Fresno	33.28%	\$ 30,599.71	\$ 18,359.83	\$ 12,239.88
Kern	29.78%	\$ 27,381.59	\$ 16,428.96	\$ 10,952.64
Kings	5.09%	\$ 4,680.06	\$ 2,808.04	\$ 1,872.03
Madera	5.27%	\$ 4,845.57	\$ 2,907.34	\$ 1,938.23
Mariposa	0.57%	\$ 524.09	\$ 314.46	\$ 209.64
Merced	9.52%	\$ 8,753.28	\$ 5,251.97	\$ 3,501.31
Porterville	2.09%	\$ 1,921.68	\$ 1,153.01	\$ 768.67
Tulare County	11.49%	\$ 10,564.62	\$ 6,338.77	\$ 4,225.85
Tulare City	2.33%	\$ 2,142.35	\$ 1,285.41	\$ 856.94
Totals	100.00%	\$ 91,946.25	\$ 55,167.75	\$ 36,778.50

Using Tripartite				
Member	Ratio	25% Match	15% Match	10% Match
Coalinga	1.33%	\$ 1,222.89	\$ 733.73	\$ 489.15
Fresno	39.54%	\$ 36,355.55	\$ 21,813.33	\$ 14,542.22
Kern	25.45%	\$ 23,400.32	\$ 14,040.19	\$ 9,360.13
Kings	5.16%	\$ 4,744.43	\$ 2,846.66	\$ 1,897.77
Madera	5.80%	\$ 5,332.88	\$ 3,199.73	\$ 2,133.15
Mariposa	1.69%	\$ 1,553.89	\$ 932.33	\$ 621.56
Merced	7.98%	\$ 7,337.31	\$ 4,402.39	\$ 2,934.92
Porterville	0.92%	\$ 845.91	\$ 507.54	\$ 338.36
Tulare County	9.27%	\$ 8,523.42	\$ 5,114.05	\$ 3,409.37
Tulare City	2.86%	\$ 2,629.66	\$ 1,577.80	\$ 1,051.87
Totals	100.00%	\$ 91,946.25	\$ 55,167.75	\$ 36,778.50