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TITLE

State Aid to Libraries Grant Agreement With Department of State for FY 2022-23 Funding

BRIEF OVERVIEW

The State of Florida provides funding opportunities through the State Aid to Libraries Grant Program each year. The purpose of the program is to encourage local governments to establish and continue development of free library service to all Florida residents. Funds can be used for the operation and maintenance of a library. Receipt of funds requires compliance with program guidelines and to provide the following approved documents, duly signed and authorized: Grant Agreement | Form-Certification of Hours, Free Library Service and Access to Materials | Form-Certification of Local Operating Expenditures, and an approved Annual Plan of Service. The application package and required documents need to be submitted online prior to October 1, 2022.

Under Chapter 257, Florida Statutes and Laws of Florida, Chapters 92-294, the Hernando County Public Library System is eligible to receive State grant funds to support county-wide library services in Hernando County. Grant funding preliminary estimates for FY23 is \$562,410. This grant will provide funding toward the operation and maintenance expenses for the Library System. In order to be eligible for FY23 funds, the application must be completed and submitted online to the Florida Department of State (DOS), Division of Library and Information Services, through the Florida DOS Grants System, and must include the documents as indicated above.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Upon final award notifications as released by the State, a budget resolution will be provided to the Board for the approval to allocate the funds. Revenue in the estimated amount of \$562,410 is anticipated to be received during FY23.

LEGAL NOTE

The Board has the authority to act upon this matter pursuant to Florida Statutes, Sec. 125.01(1).

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the Board approve and authorize the Chairman's signature on the attached State Aid to Libraries Grant Agreement for FY 2022-23 and the Certification Form for Hours, Free Library Service and the Access to Materials, to approve the FY2022-23 Annual Plan of Service, and to authorize staff to electronically submit the application package and required documents to the State Library.

Approval to proceed will enable the Hernando County Public Library System to receive its share of State Aid to Libraries Grant Funds in FY 2022-23 and be compliant with State Aid to Libraries Grant Program requirements.