Sacramento Public Library Authority

October 22, 2009

Agenda Item 15.0: Adult Literacy Services and Library Staff Education Grants

TO: **Sacramento Public Library Authority Board Members**

FROM: **Rick Teichert, Deputy Director – Administrative Services**

RE: **Adult Literacy Services (CLLS) and Library Staff Education (LSTA) Grants**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

1. **Accept** the FY 2009/10 California State Library Grants for (1) the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Library Staff Education Program, in the amount of $12,335; and (2) California Library Literacy Services (CLLS), in an amount up to $50,000.

2. **Approve** the FY 2009/10 Budget Amendment increasing revenue and expense budgets by $12,335 for the LSTA Library Staff Education Program.

3. **Approve** the FY 2009/10 Budget Amendment increasing revenue and expense budgets to $50,000 for Library Literacy Services, an increase of $20,000 over currently budgeted amounts.

4. **Authorize** the Library Director to execute all necessary documents pertaining to the acceptance and expenditure of these grants on behalf of the Authority.

BACKGROUND

Library Staff Education Program

Funding through the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) has allowed the California State Library to provide tuition assistance for Library employees who wish to pursue a Masters in Library Science degree.

The California State Library has approved the grant application from Sacramento Public Library for a total of $12,335 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010.

Three Library employees were selected to receive tuition reimbursement. The program funds are authorized to reimburse the designated students' university fees, and cover eligible graduate library school courses taken during the fiscal year.

Adult Literacy Services Grant

Sacramento Public Library has been approved to receive a grant from the California State Library for California Library Literacy Services (CLLS) in support of adult literacy services programs. A total of $30,000 was included in the FY 2009-10 Final Budget approved on September 24, 2009. The baseline allocation in the amount of $20,000 has been received for distribution as follows:

- Adult Literacy Services $10,000
- English Language & Literacy Intensive Services $10,000

The total grant amount could be different from the original estimate of $30,000 based on the per capita and match formulas or any change in the state funds for the overall program. The remainder of the FY 2009/10 award will be determined by applying formulas for per capita and local matching funds, using data from the FY 2008/09 final reports submitted to the State Library.