Sacramento Public Library Authority

September 23, 2010 **Agenda Item 9.0: Grants Received: JobNow and Public Library Staff Education**

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

FROM: **Jonathan Barber, Management Analyst**

RE: **Grants Received: JobNow and Public Library Staff Education**

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

1. **Accept** the LSTA Literacy and Workforce Development Initiative Grant in the amount of $10,000 to provide support for the Library's "JobNow" service and to purchase computer equipment.

2. **Accept** the LSTA Public Library Staff Education Program Grant in the amount of $9,464 to provide tuition assistance for Library employees pursuing their Masters in Library Science degree.

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

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

Literacy and Workforce Development Initiative Grant

Funding through the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) has allowed the California State Library to provide assistance for the Library's continued efforts to provide and support workforce development.

The California State Library has approved the grant application from Sacramento Public Library for a total of $10,000 for the period ending September 30, 2010. The funds are to be used for the purchase of computer equipment to extend the Library's ability to serve area patrons. The grant also includes a two-year subscription to BrainFuse's "JobNow", which is a free live online employment assistance service that features resume templates, a 24-hour turnaround resume improvement lab, live-chat interview coaching, and job-hunting tips and resources.

Public Library Staff Education Program Grant

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 their Masters in Library Science degree.

The California State Library has approved the grant application from Sacramento Public Library for a total of $9,464 for the period ending June 30, 2011. The grant payments will be processed following the signing of the state budget.

Three library employees were selected to receive tuition reimbursement. The program award funds are authorized for reimbursement of the designated students' university fees, and cover eligible graduate library school courses taken during the Summer 2010 through Spring 2011 sessions.

FISCAL IMPACT

These grants require no matching funds. The grant amounts of $9,464 and $10,000 have been included in both the revenue and expense portions of the FY 2010-11 Final Budget submitted for action September 23, 2010.