Sacramento Public Library Authority

July 28, 2011 Agenda Item 9.0: Grant: National Endowment for the Arts for The Big Read/One Book Sacramento 2011 Programming

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

FROM: **Brenda Haggard, Strategic Communications Officer/Clerk of the Authority Board**

RE: **Grant: National Endowment for the Arts for The Big Read/One Book Sacramento 2011 Programming**

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Adopt Resolution 11-36**,** A Resolution Accepting the National Endowment for the Arts Grant in the amount of $17,000 for The Big Read/One Book Sacramento 2011 Programming

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

For the last six years, Sacramento Public Library has presented One Book Sacramento, a community reading initiative designed to encourage the greater Sacramento community to read, talk about and celebrate a great piece of literature. This year, the Sacramento Public Library is joining with the nationwide Big Read program, sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts, to present *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* by Mark Twain.

In support of this initiative, the Library has been awarded a grant in the amount of $17,000 to support programs and events that celebrate Twain's classic. The Library will be partnering with The Sacramento Bee Book Club to present the kick-off event on September 29. Dr. Robert Hirst, general editor of the Mark Twain project at the University of California, Berkeley will be the keynote speaker. Special guest McAvoy Layne, a gifted Mark Twain impersonator, will join Dr. Hirst as part of this event.

Numerous book discussion groups for adults and students will be offered at various Sacramento Public Library branches during the five-week program. In addition, a variety of programs for audiences of all ages will be scheduled.

FISCAL IMPACT

This grant provides funds in the amount of $17,000 in support of this year's community reading initiative, and requires matching funds from the Library. These funds are included in the FY 2011-12 Proposed Budget, approved by the Authority Board on May 26, 2011. Staff recommends acceptance of this grant from the National Endowment for the Arts in support of The Big Read/One Book Sacramento 2011.

ATTACHMENT(S)

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RESOLUTION NO. 11-36

Adopted by the Governing Board of the Sacramento Public Library Authority on the date of:

JULY 28, 2011

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF $17,000 FOR THE BIG READ/ONE BOOK SACRAMENTO 2011 PROGRAMMING

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE SACRAMENTO PUBLIC LIBRARY AUTHORITY AS FOLLOWS:

1. The National Endowment for the Arts grant in the amount of $17,000 for The Big Read/One Book Sacramento 2011 Programming is accepted.

2. The Library Director is authorized to execute all necessary documents pertaining to the acceptance of this grant on behalf of the Authority.

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Sandy Sheedy, Chair

ATTEST:

Rivkah K. Sass, Secretary

By:_____
Brenda Haggard, Assistant Secretary

ATTACHMENTS:
None

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