



REPORT TO: CITY COUNCIL

MEETING DATE: DECEMBER 14, 2020

Agenda Item:	7b. CC-20-198
Background / Issue:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The library (SPL) seeks approval to apply for a federal grant requiring a 1:1 match. • SPL holds a performance and activity-based annual summer reading program that is instrumental in minimizing the “Summer Slide,” an evidence-based decrease children and teen’s reading ability during school-less months. Stillwater’s SRP is one of the most successful in the state. • SPL uses Friends of the Library donations to fund all non-staff related SRP expenses. With pandemic-related book sale cancellations April 2020-April 2021, the library sought alternate funding for the 2021 SRP. • The National Endowment for the Arts’ \$10,000 Arts Engagement in American Communities grant would allow the SPL to provide the artistic performances that drive summer book checkouts. SPL’s initial plan has been pre-approved by the granting body. • The grant’s 1:1 match will be achieved solely through the staff, partner, and volunteer hours used in executing the Summer Reading Program and Friends of the Library funds used for reading incentives.
Proposal/Solution:	Approval to apply for the grant will allow SPL to continue a robust Summer Reading Program that will help children and teens maintain their reading skills through the summer.
Financial Impact/Funding Source(s):	If the library’s application is accepted, the grant will result in a \$10,000 increase in the federal grant revenue and grant expenditure accounts.
Related Strategic Priority:	#1 Effective Services & Accountable Government: To provide effective services and accountable government for all citizens by practicing fiscal responsibility, transparency and outstanding customer service.

	#5 Quality of Life: To develop partnerships that create a high quality of life with equal access to services and amenities; strong and connected neighborhoods; and a healthy economy and business atmosphere that align with community values.
Recommended Action/Motion:	Motion to approve the library’s application to the National Endowment for the Arts’ Arts Engagement in American Communities grant.
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