



Broward County

Legislation Text

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Broward County Commission Regular Meeting

Director's Name: Monica Cepero

Department: County Administration

Division: Libraries

Information

Requested Action

MOTION TO ADOPT Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Broward County, Florida, accepting a donation from Broward Public Library Foundation, Inc., of touchscreen tablets, keyboards, and internet data plans, with a total value of \$114,415, for the Workforce Ready initiative; and authorizing the County Administrator to take any necessary administrative and budgetary actions.

Why Action is Necessary

Section 18.63 of the Administrative Code states that donations to the County of \$10,000 or more shall be accepted by Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners.

What Action Accomplishes

Authorizes the Libraries Division to accept a donation valued at \$114,415.

Is this Action Goal Related

Yes

Previous Action Taken

None

Summary Explanation/Background

THE LIBRARIES DIVISION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF THE ABOVE MOTION.

The Broward County Library will address the needs of residents in marginalized communities who have experienced unemployment and economic distress during the recovery phase of the pandemic, by developing a BCL to Go - Workforce Ready program. The Workforce Ready kits include a tablet, with an internet data plan to serve as mobile workstations, equipped with workforce development and educational applications which will help users prepare resumes, conduct job searches, engage in online interviews, and attend educational webinars to increase their employment opportunities. This program will target adults in six Broward County zip codes that have the highest unemployment rates and have additionally been impacted by COVID-19.

The Broward Public Library Foundation, Inc. (Foundation) has generously offered to donate tablet kits purchased through their 2021 Institute of Museum and Library Services' CARES Act Grant funds, valued at \$78,488. In addition, the Foundation will pay for the internet data plan in the amount of \$35,927 through the end of the grant period (September 2023), which is necessary to support the

tablets in the BCL to Go - Workforce Ready program.

Source of Additional Information

Allison Grubbs, Director, Libraries Division, 954-357-7377

Fiscal Impact

Fiscal Impact/Cost Summary

Of the \$114,415 donation, \$35,927 will be paid directly from the Broward County Public Foundation to T-Mobile, to pay for monthly data and marketing. The remaining funds, \$78,488, is the value of the tablet kits.