

CITY OF COOS BAY CITY COUNCIL
Agenda Staff Report

MEETING DATE January 3, 2017	AGENDA ITEM NUMBER
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TO: Mayor Benetti and City Councilors

FROM: Norma Fowler, Extended Services Office (ESO) Director

THROUGH: Rodger Craddock, City Manager

ISSUE: Coos County Library Service District (CCLSD) Ready to Read Grant

BACKGROUND:

The State Library of Oregon administers Ready to Read grants each year. The purpose of the grants is to establish, develop, or improve public library early literacy services for children from birth to six years of age, and to provide the statewide summer reading program for children from birth to 14 years of age. As in past years, the Coos County Library Service District applied for and received a grant to promote early literacy by distributing free books and promotional early literacy materials to children and their parents at the County Fair and other community events throughout Coos County. The Coos Library Board, the advisory board for the Coos County Library Service District, supports the district's application for and use of the Ready to Read grant.

ADVANTAGES:

The grant monies allow the library district to promote early literacy throughout the county; to reach families and children who otherwise would not receive the information; and to promote early literacy programs at the libraries throughout Coos County.

DISADVANTAGES:

None

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

The 2016-17 Extended Services Office (ESO) budget includes \$7,000 in revenue from the Oregon State Library Ready to Read grant program.

ACTION REQUESTED:

If it pleases the Council, approve the Coos County Library Service District (CCLSD) Ready to Read Grant.