

DEPARTMENT: LIBRARY

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RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

AUTHORIZE THE MARIPOSA COUNTY LIBRARIAN TO APPLY AND ACCEPT AND LSTA GRANT-LIVE HOMEWORK HELP

The Mariposa County Librarian is requesting that the Board of Supervisors allow her to apply for and accept the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant *Live Homework Help*. For the past five years, the California State Library has used LSTA funds to subscribe to Live Homework Help, the online homework assistance program provided by Tutor.com. During this time, the program has been made available to various public libraries statewide. Students access Live Homework Help through a link on each participating library's website. Live Homework Help connects students in fourth to 12th grades and students taking college introductory courses to a subject expert who can help them with math, science, social studies, or English questions. Students log on to designated computer terminals at their local library or from home. After entering their library card information, students key in their grade level and their subject of interest. Students are immediately connected to a tutor in an Online Classroom for one-on-one help. Students and tutors can review specific homework questions in the Online Classroom using features such as controlled chat, an interactive white board, and shared web browsing. When the session is over, students can print their session for future reference or to show to a parent, guardian, or teacher. Both tutors and students complete surveys which are aggregated and shared with the library each month. Live Homework Help en Español connects Spanish speaking students with bilingual Spanish-speaking tutors for help with math and science subjects. The goal of the program is to provide after-school homework assistance to students, grades 4-12.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

The Board of Supervisors have approved other library grant applications.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

The library would not be able to offer the data base to our student population.

Financial Impact? () Yes (<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>) No	Current FY Cost: \$	Annual Recurring Cost: \$
Budgeted In Current FY? () Yes () No () Partially Funded		
Amount in Budget: \$ _____		List Attachments, number pages consecutively _____
Additional Funding Needed: \$ _____		Live Homework Help Grant _____
Source:		
Internal Transfer _____		
Unanticipated Revenue _____ 4/5's vote		
Transfer Between Funds _____ 4/5's vote		
Contingency _____ 4/5's vote		
() General () Other		

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Res. No.: <u>2006-14</u>	Ord. No. _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Requested Action Recommended
Vote - Ayes: <u>5/14</u>	Noes: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> No Opinion
Absent: _____		Comments: _____

() Minute Order Attached () No Action Necessary

The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.

Date: _____

Attest: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board
County of Mariposa, State of California

By: _____
Deputy

CAO: [Signature]