

**CITY OF BUCKEYE
Regular Council Meeting
COUNCIL ACTION REPORT**

MEETING DATE: 05/06/25	AGENDA ITEM: 4.I. FIN - 2025 Library Services and Technology Act Grant Application
DATE PREPARED: 05/01/25	DISTRICT NO.: All
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DEPARTMENT: Financial Services	AGENDA ITEM TYPE: Consent Agenda Items / New Business

ACTION/MOTION: (This language identifies the formal motion to be made by the Council)
Council to take action on the submission of a \$27,133.75 Grant Application under the State of Arizona 2025 Library Services and Technology Act Grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, in the sum of \$8,000, with an in-kind match of \$19,133.75 from the City of Buckeye; and authorize and direct the Mayor, City Manager, City Attorney, and City Clerk to take all steps necessary to carry out the purpose and intent of said Grant Application.

SUMMARY

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The City of Buckeye's Community Services Department seeks to develop and implement a Virtual Reality Learning and Exploration Program for the Buckeye Public Library. If awarded, the grant supports the purchase of 10 Virtual Reality headsets, accessories, and various software programs to be available for use by the public. The Virtual Reality headsets will facilitate creative and divergent learning in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM), as well as workforce development, cultural exploration, and interactive entertainment. The grant covers a 12-month period.

BENEFITS:

The objective is to expand and enhance the Buckeye Public Library's program offerings to the public. Community members will benefit by gaining hands-on access to emerging technology, enhanced digital literacy, and engaging in unique learning experiences. Virtual Reality technology may also aid individuals who face difficulties learning through traditional methods. By immersing the user into a virtual reality learning environment, the activities become more interactive, leading to a potential increase in information retention.

FUTURE ACTION:

If awarded, the Award Agreement will be presented to Council for acceptance and approval. Any additional Virtual Reality Learning and Exploration Program funding needs will come from the Community Services General Fund account unless additional grant funding opportunities become available, in which case the Grants team will pursue.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The 2025 Library Services and Technology Act grant portion is \$8,000. There is a \$19,133.75 in-kind match being contributed by Buckeye for this grant. The in-kind contribution by Buckeye will consist of normal budget items that are already in the budget. The total cost is \$27,133.75.

CURRENT FISCAL YEAR TOTAL COST:

The total Fiscal Year 2026 cost is \$27,133.75, with \$8,000 reimbursable based on the budget. These figures have been included in the City of Buckeye's Community Services Department Budget.

BUDGETED:

Yes

FISCAL YEAR:

2026

FUND/DEPARTMENT:

Community Services Department

Items related to a project or facility location must include an attached vicinity map for Council Review.

ATTACHMENTS:

[CAR Recap Summary - Library Services and Technology Act Grant Application.docx](#)

[LSTA 2025 General Grant Application.docx](#)

[Budget.pdf](#)