

FORSYTH COUNTY

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: AUGUST 31, 2015

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 6-A&B

SUBJECT:

- A. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO RECEIVE A 2015-2016 KATE B. REYNOLDS CHARITABLE TRUST "GREAT EXPECTATIONS" GRANT TO IMPROVE LIBRARY PRESCHOOL SPACES AND RESOURCES TO AID CHILDREN AGES 0-5 IN THEIR OVERALL DEVELOPMENT, LANGUAGE AND TECHNOLOGY LITERACY, AND KINDERGARTEN READINESS
- B. AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2015-2016 BUDGET ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE GRANT FUNDS FROM THE KATE B. REYNOLDS CHARITABLE TRUST TO THE FORSYTH COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

(FORSYTH COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY)

COUNTY MANGER'S RECOMMENDATIONS OR COMMENTS: Recommend Approval

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

On June 22, 2015, the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners authorized the Public Library to apply for a 2015-2016 Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust "Great Expectations" Grant in the amount of \$332,561.00 from Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust, Poor & Needy Division to improve library preschool spaces and resources to aid children (ages 0-5) in their overall development, language and technology literacy, and kindergarten readiness.

Forsyth County has now been awarded these grant funds in the amount of \$332,561 and requests authorization to execute the necessary documents to receive these funds.

The Library plans to utilize these grant funds to:

- Create an easily recognizable learning space with child friendly art, bookshelves, furnishings, educational toys and technology that will attract early preschoolers and provide an area that is engaging and promotes a positive literacy experience.
- Update the current collection with 75% more age appropriate books and materials, and 25% more story time kits that reflect social and behavioral issues for small children.
- Purchase 25% more materials for literacy training sessions that benefit parents and caregivers emphasizing the importance of literacy and the impact it has on a young child's future for learning.
- Add 35% more technology stations at branch locations and both bookmobiles that showcase pre-literacy activities that are hands on and engaging.

No additional County dollars are required. The funds will be utilized during the FY 2015-2016 fiscal year.

ATTACHMENTS: YES X NO

SIGNATURE: J. Dudley Watts Jr.
COUNTY MANAGER

DATE: August 25, 2015

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(FORSYTH COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY)**

WHEREAS, the Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust awarded a "Great Expectations" Grant to the Forsyth County Public Library in the amount of \$332,561 to serve as operating funds to equip seven library branches with age-appropriate reading and other literacy materials and technology to aid children ages 0-5 in their overall development and kindergarten readiness as a component of the Trust's *Great Expectations* early childhood development initiative;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Chairman or the County Manager and the Clerk to the Board to execute the necessary documents, on behalf of Forsyth County and its Public Library, to receive the "Great Expectations" Grant from Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust, in the amount of \$332,561, subject to a pre-audit certificate thereon by the Chief Financial Officer, if applicable, and approval as to form and legality by the County Attorney.

Adopted this the 31st day of August, 2015.

**FORSYTH COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
AMENDMENT TO
2015-2016 BUDGET ORDINANCE**

FROM: BUDGET & MANAGEMENT

MEETING DATE: August 31, 2015

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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THAT THE FY 2015-16 BUDGET ORDINANCE IS HEREBY AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

INCREASE:	<u>SECTION 1. REVENUES</u>	
	GENERAL FUND	
	INTERGOVERNMENTAL	<u>\$ 332,561.00</u>

INCREASE:	<u>SECTION 2. APPROPRIATIONS</u>	
	GENERAL FUND	
	LIBRARY	<u>\$ 332,561.00</u>

NATURE OF TRANSACTION:
 Additional Revenue Available
 Transfer within Accounts of
Same fund
 Other:

APPROVED BY BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS AND ENTERED ON
MINUTES DATED _____
AGENDA ITEM NUMBER _____