



## Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

### Request for Board Action

**Meeting Date:** 8/18/2020

#### Consent Agenda

**Department:**

Budget

**Presenter(s):**

Jennifer Barnette, Budget

**Contact(s):** Jim Blanton, Library

**Subject:** State Library - CARES Project Grant Award

**Brief Summary:**

The Library has received approval for a Project Grant through the State Library's SLNC CARES program. The grant funding of \$72,025.00 will support a Laptops and Hotspots 2 Go program. The program will make circulating laptops and WiFi hotspots available for checkout to library patrons. This will further efforts toward digital inclusion, by extending online access opportunities while branch library hours are reduced due to the pandemic. The Library is partnering with the Land of Sky Regional Council on the project to assist with community outreach and evaluation of project outcomes.

This grant is made possible by funding from the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) as administered by the State Library of North Carolina, a division of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (IMLS grant number LS-246551-OLS-20).

**Recommended Motion & Requested Action:**

Approve budget amendment

**County Manager's Comments & Recommendation:**

County Manager recommends as presented