

April 26, 2021

Michael Lambert  
City Librarian  
San Francisco Public Library  
100 Larkin Street  
San Francisco, CA 94102

Dear Librarian Lambert,

On behalf of our Board of Directors, I am pleased to inform you that Friends of the San Francisco Public Library has approved funding for the requests you submitted for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

Included in this total is **\$860,885** in direct funding for programs and services throughout the system.

We are pleased to approve **\$449,900** in unrestricted support to programs and resources for the Main Library, the neighborhood branches, system-wide programming from the Community Programs and Partnerships, Children and Youth programs, and Special Initiatives.

In addition to the unrestricted funds articulate above, an additional **\$410,985** will be available through restriction-designated funds which Friends holds in trust for your use to augment all areas above. Thank you for the analysis of the amount you plan to use in each restricted fund and the timeline for expenditures. Please recall that we are asking for quarterly estimates for use of these funds to enable us to calculate our cash flow needs.

Funds granted in this cycle have become available at the beginning of the new fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2021. We appreciate the assessment and reporting done by you and your staff during the course of the past year to measure and reflect their impact, both on the library and the community which it serves. This information helps Friends seek additional funding of these programs, and also gives our Board and donors a clear and compelling picture of the effects of their generosity.

We look forward to Friends being acknowledged on all materials developed through our funding as well as at programs in the libraries and to continue to receive any evaluations or other measures of the programs. This information will help us make the case to funders that libraries are a sound investment of their philanthropic dollars.

Thank you for this opportunity to support San Francisco Public Library—the City’s greatest public shared asset. We look forward to an exciting year!

Best regards,



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