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## 23-24 LSTA GRANT APPLICATION

### CERTIFICATION OF ORGANIZATION'S ELIGIBILITY

Organizations applying for any LSTA opportunity must meet the general guidelines for LSTA eligibility (<https://www.library.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/LSTAEligibility.pdf>).

The Inspiration Grants opportunity is open to California libraries. Libraries with up to 14 outlets may apply for one grant; libraries with between 15 and 30 outlets may apply for two grants; libraries with 31 or more outlets may apply for three grants.

The minimum funding request is \$5,000 and the maximum funding request is \$100,000.

Applicants should have at least one community connection in place before submitting an application. Applicants requesting \$75,000 or more should have at least one project partner, in addition to a community connection, before submitting an application.

**Do you certify that your organization is eligible for this LSTA grant program?**

Yes

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## ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

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### AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE INFORMATION

The Authorized Representative is the legally designated representative of the applicant organization. The legally designated representative has the legal authority to enter into an agreement authorizing execution of the agreement and is authorized to receive and expend funds in order to administer the proposed grant project. The individual designated in the application as the Authorized Representative will be responsible for signing any potential award materials requiring signature (e.g. award agreement, payment claim forms, report forms, budget modification requests, and more), should the proposed project be funded, and must have the power to do so within their organization. Please note this person may or may not be the same person identified in your profile.

**Authorized Representative Prefix**

Ms.

**Authorized Representative Name**

Kim Summers

**Authorized Representative Title**

City Manager

**Authorized Representative Business Phone Number**

Please use the format 123-456-7890.

951-461-6010

**Authorized Representative Email Address**

ksummers@murrietaca.gov

**Authorized Representative Street Address**

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**Authorized Representative City**

Murrieta

**Authorized Representative State**

US-CA

**Authorized Representative Zip Code**

Nine-digit zip code must be entered in the format 12345-6789.

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## PROJECT COORDINATOR INFORMATION

The Project Coordinator is the person who would manage the day-to-day activities of the proposed project, and who would serve as the primary point of contact with the State Library.

### **Project Coordinator Prefix**

Ms.

### **Project Coordinator Name**

Agnes Rita

### **Project Coordinator Title**

Supervising Librarian

### **Project Coordinator Email Address**

arita@murrietaca.gov

### **Project Coordinator Business Phone Number**

**Please use the format 123-456-7890.**

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## FISCAL REPRESENTATIVE INFORMATION (Optional)

If your agency requires a fiscal or legal representative to review your grant award documentation before signing, please enter that person's contact information here. This information will be used during the DocuSign process. It is optional.

### **Fiscal Representative Prefix (Optional)**

**Fiscal Representative Name (Optional)**

**Fiscal Representative Title (Optional)**

**Fiscal Representative Email Address (Optional)**

**Fiscal Representative Business Phone Number (Optional)**

Please use the format 123-456-7890.

**UEI**

Enter your organization's Unique Entity Identifier (UEI).

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**EIN**

Enter your organization's Federal Employer Identification Number (EIN).

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## **PROJECT INFORMATION**

### **PROJECT TITLE**

Murrieta Public Library's Library for All

### **California's LSTA Goals**

**The 23-24 Inspiration Grants LSTA Goal is Goal 1.**

Goal 1: Equitable Access, Trusted Community Space

## **Primary Audience(s) for Project**

Adults, Families, People with Disabilities, People with Limited Functional Literacy, Pre-School Children, School Age Children, Young Adults and Teens

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## **BRIEF ABSTRACT**

### **Brief Abstract Response**

The Murrieta Public Library plans to expand the Library for All (LFA) program to include children and teens with disabilities. Library for All is an established program in our library that currently provides activities for adults and older teens with disabilities. Through the grant, the Library plans to establish LFA Junior. (Pre-K-5th Grade) and LFA for Teens.

Provide a brief summary of your project including what you will do, for whom, and for what expected benefit. (Word limit: 60).

## *PROJECT DESCRIPTION*

Describe what you will do, how you will do it, what you aim to achieve, why, and for whom. (Word limit: 300).

### **Project Description Response**

The Murrieta Public Library plans to expand the Library for All (LFA) program to include children and teens with disabilities. Library for All is an established program in our library, and the activities are tailored to the participant's unique interests and ability levels. The current program format is open to adults and older teens with disabilities and their families/caregivers. Library for All has a monthly theme featuring crafts and STEAM-related activities, movie days, and more. The current budget for the Library for All program is \$2,500 a year, and the Library provides at least two programs per month plus offers take-home kits and movie days for all participants. The Library will be applying to receive \$20,000 to expand the program for the original Library for All program for adults and to help increase capacity and offer more elaborate programs. Part of the funding will be used to buy items such as board games, STEAM materials, and other program supplies. The funding will also help create and jump-start the Library for All Junior (Pre-K to 5th grade) and Library for All for Teens (middle school and high school students). The funds will help purchase the start-up supplies and program materials for LFA Junior and pay for instructors and presenters for LFA Teen's monthly programs.

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## AGENCY INFORMATION

### Agency Information Response

Our library's mission and vision encourage us to create a vibrant environment with open access to services and to be our community's center of discovery. Through this grant, we will further seal our commitment to provide equitable access for all, encourage innovation and collaboration, and strengthen our connections with our community.

Describe how the proposed project aligns with your agency's mission, values, strategic plan, goals, and/or other activities. (Word limit: 150).

If this project has been supported with LSTA funds in the past, describe the project's current status, any results, lessons learned, and impact to date, and why you are seeking additional funds. (Word limit: 300) If this is a new project, enter "N/A."

### Multi-Year Project: Impact to Date Response

This will be the Library's second time applying for the Inspiration grant. In 2022, the Library received \$3,600 to expand Library for All's outreach services. Library for All has become a popular program in our Library and we have expanded the program from a once a month program to having a weekly program that serves adults and older teens with disabilities. We have also expanded our partnership with our local school district as well as a residential treatment center for at-risk youth.

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## MULTI-YEAR PROJECT: FUTURE YEARS

If this project is expected to take more than one year to implement fully, please describe your plans for future years and how this year's activities contribute to your plans as a whole. (Word limit: 150) If this is a one-year project, enter "N/A."

### Multi-Year Project: Future Years Response

Each fiscal year, the Library will advocate for local funding to sustain the Library for All program. If another grant opportunity arises, the Murrieta Public Library will continue to apply for the grant to help fund the program.

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## COMMUNITY NEEDS, ASPIRATIONS, AND ASSETS

Describe the community need(s) that this project is intended to meet, the community aspiration(s) with which it is intended to align, and how your project will respond to your stated community needs and aspirations. (Word limit: 300).

### Community Needs, Aspirations, and Assets Response

Library for All was established in 2018 and it has been the most consistently well-attended program for the Adult Services Department. It has been commented on numerous times and recently in our community survey that we should expand the program to children and teens. This grant will be transformational for our community; not only will it help us further expand our services to adults with disabilities but we are also responding to our community's need to have a similar program for children and teens with disabilities. If we do receive funding, we plan on doing the following programs for spring 2024:

- Library for All for Adults: five months of weekly "Hangout Thursday" activities, six take-home kits (600-1000 kits), six in-person STEAM programs (elaborate activities), and six movie days.
- Library for All for Teens: five in-person programs (paid instructors/presenters)
- Library for All Junior: four to six programs
- Possible outreach activities with Community Services Department's Alternative Recreation program, Cultivating Inclusion, MVUSD Summit Program, and Oak Grove Center.

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## EQUITY-BASED COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Describe how your project has been designed and will be implemented in collaboration with the marginalized community(ies) on which your project will focus and other members of your community. (Word limit: 300).

### Equity-Based Community Involvement Response

Since Library for All is an established program in our library, we have already connected with at least six vocational groups in our area. We have also associated with our school district's adult transition school and local residential treatment for at-risk youth. We also plan to expand to LFA Junior and LFA Teens and provide weekend programming for enrichment activities and socialization opportunities for children and teens with disabilities.

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## PROJECT PARTNERS AND COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Applicants should have at least one community connection in place before submitting an application. Applicants requesting \$75,000 or more should have at least one project partner, in addition to a community connection, before submitting an application.

Please describe formal partners. Organizations or individuals who are contractors under the project are not considered partners.

**How many project partners are included in your project? Please describe formal partners. Attach to the application a copy of a signed agreement for each partner. Agreements should confirm the partner's role in the project and the resources the partner will contribute to the project.**

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**How many community connections are included in your project? Please describe community connections. Attach any letters of support to your application.**

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**Describe how this community connection will contribute to the project and help achieve the project's objectives. (1)**

In the Library for All expansion we are planning to connect with the Murrieta Historical Society and Pearl Center for Creative Arts to provide enriching activities to our participants.

**Upload any letters of support to your application. (1)**

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## PROJECT INTENT

Please describe the objective or expected result of the project.

## **Project Intent**

Lifelong Learning: Improve users' knowledge or abilities beyond basic access to information

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## **ANTICIPATED PROJECT OUTPUTS**

Please list services to be provided and/or products to be created in this project, including the approximate number of each. See instructions for more detail.

### **Anticipated Project Outputs Response**

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## **EVALUATION PLANS**

What are your plans for evaluating the project's impact? Please describe the impact you aim to achieve as well as how you will measure whether or not you were successful. Please note: the State Library will provide you with surveys to use to evaluate project activities and fulfill IMLS requirements in addition to other evaluation measures you implement.

### **Evaluation Plans Response**

We plan to get input from our Library for All participants. We will also provide a survey link to see what their coaches/caregivers/family feedback was on the activities, programs, or kits they have received and what they would like for us to offer in the future.

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## **SUSTAINABILITY**

Should this project be successful, how will it be supported and sustained in the future?

## **Sustainability Response**

Since this is an established program, we will continue to get funding for it and ask for more funding in the future. If the expanded program is successful, we will be able to garner for funding for Library for All Junior as well as Library for All Teens.