



City of Clearwater

Main Library - Council
Chambers
100 N. Osceola Avenue
Clearwater, FL 33755

Legislation Text

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SUBJECT/RECOMMENDATION:

Approve an Interlocal Agreement between the Clearwater Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) and the City of Clearwater to provide CRA funding in Fiscal Year 2017-2018 in the amount of \$97,890 to underwrite activities in the Clearwater Main Library that support community learning in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math, Entrepreneurship and small business growth and development pursuant to the recommendations of the Urban Land Institute report on economic enhancement of the downtown Clearwater area and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)

SUMMARY:

The Clearwater Main Library is a partner in the Clearwater Business SPARK ecosystem of organizations working to support the development of entrepreneurship and small businesses throughout Clearwater. This partnership was prompted by the ULI report recommending public/private partnerships to encourage business growth in this area. The Main Library has a prominent position in the CRA area, and will provide education and training in the Business and STEM areas through research opportunities, STEM maker space areas, classes and tutorials and meeting accommodation. The CRA funding will pay one staff member to oversee these functions, assist with additional library hours to make the facility available when needed by the business community and provide educational and training opportunities.

APPROPRIATION CODE AND AMOUNT:

Funding will be from 388-94887 Library Activation budget.

USE OF RESERVE FUNDS:

N/A