



City Council Agenda Item

City Council Meeting Date: February 3, 2026

TO: Dean Albro, City Manager

FROM: Sarah Bleyl, Library Director
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SUBJECT: Approval of Agreement for Operation of a County-Wide Library System

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the City Council approve, and authorize the City Manager to execute, the Agreement for Operation of a County-Wide Library System (Agreement) (attached) between the County of Santa Barbara (County), and the cities of Santa Barbara, Lompoc, Santa Maria, Goleta, and Carpinteria for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26, on behalf of the City of Lompoc.

Background:

The County contracts with city libraries in Santa Barbara, Lompoc, Santa Maria, Goleta, and Carpinteria to provide library services to County residents as it does not have standalone library service capabilities of its own. The Agreement was approved by the County Board of Supervisors on December 16, 2025.

Discussion:

On December 16, 2025, the Board of Supervisors approved the Agreement in the aggregate amount of \$5,147,814 for FY 2025-26. The City operates its library and contracts with the County-Wide Library System to manage the Village Library in Vandenberg Village. The two are considered Zone 2 under the Agreement. Zone 2 is allocated \$614,848 of the \$5,147,814 aggregate amount of funding under the Agreement. Zone allocations are based on the populations in each Zone compared with the total population of the County.

County staff have worked closely with each of the five library directors to maintain hours, programming, and increase technological and staffing efficiencies. (Detail of the breakdown can be found in the Agreement.)

The Village Library is housed in County-owned facilities, and, as a result the City and County will each have certain maintenance requirements for that facility. The Agreement

itemizes each item and indicates responsibility for each. The City is not precluded from using funds through the Agreement to fulfill its maintenance obligations.

Fiscal Impact:

As stated above, the City will receive \$614,848 in funding for FY 2025-26 to be used for the Zone 2 libraries (Lompoc and Vandenberg Village) based on the population of Zone 2 compared with the population of the County as a whole and a funding rate of \$9.42 per capita, an increase over last year's \$9.15 per capita. Zone 2 libraries have a population of 59,400 and a total County Population of 447,132. The Zone 2 population is down slightly from the FY 2024-25 population of 59,574.

The Lompoc Library will receive \$461,288 for library operations and the Village Library will receive \$153,560. This is an increase of \$14,713 over the previous year, due to the increase of the per capita funding to \$9.42.

Under the FY 2024-25 agreement, the countywide allocation for all zone libraries was \$4,850,607 of which \$600,135 was allocated to Zone 2 libraries.

Conclusion:

Staff recommends the City Council approve the Agreement in order to receive the County funding for library operations.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Bleyl, Library Director

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

Dean Albro, City Manager

Attachment: FY 2025-26 Agreement for Operation of a Countywide Library System including Funding Table, CSA_3 Map, Library Zone Map, Maintenance Responsibilities