



City of Largo Agenda Item 16

Meeting Date
08/07/18

Presenter:

Department:

TITLE:

APPROVAL OF PINELLAS PUBLIC LIBRARY COOPERATIVE (PPLC) INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

The Pinellas Public Library Cooperative (PPLC) was established by an interlocal agreement between Pinellas County and municipalities and special districts operating libraries. The purpose of the PPLC is to provide library services to the residents of unincorporated Pinellas County and coordinate the provision of library services among those participating libraries. Pinellas County levies a property tax of up to .5 mill in the unincorporated portion of the County to reimburse the participating libraries for providing service to the unincorporated residents. The PPLC provide such services as transport of inter-library loan materials, material check out and inventory automation, talking books, grant coordination, and joint purchasing. The existing five year agreement expires on September 30, 2018.

There are minimal changes to the existing agreement. Additions were made to Section 4, regarding participation in PPLC. A Non-compliance and Enforcement section was added to define compliance with the requirements for membership. The Materials and Services section was updated to include access to electronic formats. A Countywide Staff Development Day section was added to facilitate training and team building. Largo Public Library closes one day per year to hold an annual staff development day and has done so for fifteen years. It has become common practice among many of the PPLC member libraries to do so as well. This combined effort will enhance the experience for all library staff and allow for consistency in the delivery of countywide customer service, and adherence to approved policies, and procedures. The proposed agreement would expand the definition of local support beyond personnel and operating expenditures to include expenditures for library materials (which are a capital expense) in the calculation of PPLC financial support.

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Budgeted Amount: Budget Page No(s): Available Amount: Expenditure Amount:

Additional Budgetary Information:

Funding Source(s): Sufficient Funds Available: Yes No
 Budget Amendment Required: Yes No Source:

City Attorney Reviewed: Yes No N/A
 Advisory Board Recommendation: For Against N/A
 Consistent With: Yes No N/A

Potential Motion/ Direction Requested:

Staff Contact:

Attachments:

The proposed agreement is for a five year term, with the option to renew in five years. The parties to the agreement include Pinellas County, the Cities of Clearwater, Dunedin, Gulfport, Largo, Madeira Beach, Oldsmar, Pinellas Park, North Redington Beach, Redington Beach, Redington Shores, Safety Harbor, St. Pete Beach, St. Petersburg, Seminole, Tarpon Springs, and Treasure Island. The Palm Harbor Community Services Agency, Inc. and the East Lake Library Advisory Board are also member libraries. It was developed by the PPLC board, which includes city managers, county representatives and community members, and with input from library directors.

The proposed interlocal agreement has been sent to the City Commission electronically and posted to the website.