Board packet May 19, 2020: Budget planning FY 2020-2021 / review of latest budget draft

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Working Budget 2020 - 2021 Second Draft May 19 2020.pdf;

Good afternoon,

Attached is the latest draft of the budget. Unfortunately, while I did make some cuts to the budget, they were offset by taking away Per Capita Grant revenue (we were projecting half of this grant in the first draft, but for planning purposes it makes sense to assume we won't receive this grant at all next fiscal year) and adding \$18,000 to the budget to acquire 50 WiFi hotspots that we could circulate to the public. I anticipate a growing community need for internet access and since I am not sure when and/or to what capacity we will be offering the public internet access on our computers again, I thought this would be a good approach to help address the issue in the meantime. In addition, we are considering the temporary relocation of WiFi access points to the perimeter of the building so the public can access the internet from the parking lot (there is no impact to the budget as we can do this ourselves and it requires no additional equipment). This would only be temporary and I want to get the buy-in from the Village of Gurnee first as to not create any issues for the Gurnee Police Department.

There are a few other minor additions to the budget (for example, I added some funds back into the budget for people to attend the 2021 ALA Annual Conference in Chicago, as I am hopeful they might do a ceremony recognizing the 2020 Movers and Shakers there. We would send Eddie, a few staff, and a trustee), but these are offset by a conservative projection of \$5,000 in federal grant money revenue for COVID-19 related expenditures.

Once again, there is a lot of work to do before finalizing the budget. The June 2020 Committee of the Whole will have a heavy focus on finalizing the budget with the goal of approving a budget for FY 2020/2021 at the June 2020 Regular Board Meeting.

Thanks, Ryan

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