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California State Library  
Library Services and Technology Act Community Impact Grants  
900 N St.  
Sacramento, CA 95814

On behalf of the Library Board for the Alameda Free Library, we enthusiastically endorse the allocation of the \$100,000 Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Community Impact Grant to facilitate the implementation of the Supper and Support Program. This initiative embodies the core values of community engagement and support that our library strives to uphold.

Supper & Support is a vital program designed to bridge the gap for vulnerable, marginalized, and unhoused individuals within the City of Alameda and its surrounding areas. The program will provide access to not only a nourishing meal but also essential resources and connections to community-based organizations, access vital information through street sheets, and utilization of a community pantry which includes clothing, hygiene products, and toiletries. These resources are essential for enhancing the well-being and dignity of individuals who may be experiencing homelessness or economic hardship.

The Library Board recognizes the importance of initiatives like Supper & Support in fostering inclusivity and supporting those facing hardship. We firmly believe that libraries are more than just repositories of knowledge; they are community hubs that play a pivotal role in addressing societal challenges. This project aligns perfectly with our mission to serve as a community anchor and provide assistance for all members of our community, regardless of their circumstances.

In conclusion, we wholeheartedly endorse the grant for the Supper & Support program. We appreciate the partnership between the Alameda Free Library and the Housing and Human Services department for their dedication to serving our community's most vulnerable members and for their approach to addressing complex social issues. Thank you for your consideration of the grant application and we commend the California State Library for offering the Community Impact Grants.

Respectfully,

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