

**CALIFORNIA STATE LIBRARY
LIBRARY SERVICES AND TECHNOLOGY ACT (LSTA)**

**Final Program Narrative Report
(LSTA Form 9)**

Grant Information

Library Jurisdiction	Riverside Public Library
Project Title	Staycation Station
Grant Award #	40-8290
Grant Period	13-14
Amount of Grant Award	31,000
Amount of Grant Expended	31,000
Local Match	0
In-Kind	10,000
Total Amount of Project (amount expended + match + in-kind)	41,000
Number of Persons Served (should not include total population of service area or potential population to be reached)	3607

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Project Final Report

A final narrative report is required on the use of federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funds following the completion of a project during each project year. The information you report will be used to complete the California State Library report of how funds were expended. Excerpts from this report may be submitted to the Federal government in their evaluation, or may be published by the State Library or shared with other institutions. Please answer all of the questions thoroughly. Please attach any reproduction copies of photographs of project activities or media produced for the project.

Project Purpose Include your program purpose statement here
Riverside Public Library's Staycation Station program will provide opportunities for unstructured learning for young adults, adults and seniors. The program is designed to teach geography, culture, currency, and history, with special emphasis on the City of Riverside's eight Sister Cities. Additionally, Riverside Public Library will provide a series of structured programs called Travel Talks. Each learning opportunity is provided for the purpose of participants enhancing their knowledge of Riverside's Sister Cities and other locations outside of our own.
Project Activities and Methods How did you accomplish the project? What were the steps involved? How did you engage the target audience?
The project consists of unstructured learning opportunities via Staycation Station units. Each library location received 4 iPads (loaded with travel podcasts, bookmarked travel websites, information on Riverside's Sister Cities, and related travel information), 5 headphones, and one travel kit consisting of print materials such as travel magazines, travel guides, maps, and travel related literature. Additionally, sixteen Travel Talks were held with bilingual translation available for Spanish-language customers. All locations received travel brochures and pamphlets on various locations in English and Spanish to make freely available to customers. The target audience was engaged via the library website, signage posted in libraries, and via email (email blast to customers who have opted in for the service). Participants were invited to share their Staycation experiences, either via our program or staycations they've taken on their own.
Project Outputs What was created for the project and how much? (For instance three promotional brochures were created and 75 copies distributed; or three training classes were designed; two sessions of each were held, and 80 people were trained)
Thirty two (32) Staycation Stations were purchased; each branch received four (4) Eight (8) Travel Kits were created and one (1) given to each branch Sixteen (16) Travel Talks for young adults, adults, and seniors have been planned. Two will be presented at each branch. The number of persons served by the program was estimated at 6,720. Staycation Station will be housed at each library location for a period of 8 months, serving a minimum of 6,400 young adults, adults, and seniors (100 per branch per month). Each location will offer 2 Travel Talks serving a minimum of 320 young adults, adults, and seniors (20 per branch per program). Persons Served: Staycation Station - 2629 Travel Talks - 16 TOTAL - 3607
Project Outcomes (if applicable) Please state the outcomes and the results of your evaluation.
79% of the young adults, adults, and seniors who participated in the project to date have gained an understanding of the role and value of the City of Riverside's Sister Cities program and have learned at least one new concept (i.e. naming Riverside's Sister Cities; identifying our Sister Cities on a map; learning a new fact about another location such as a fact related to its currency, culture or history). Concepts learned in the project are enhancing the lives of the participants by broadening their worldview and, in turn, enhance the community. This is evidenced by anecdotal feedback from participants and information provided in the surveys.

Additional Project Outcomes

Please state any additional intended or unintended outcomes and what data sources you used.

An unintended outcome was increased awareness of cities and countries outside of our own, travel tips, staycation deals and the like. This came from participants freely sharing their knowledge, experiences and ideas with staff and other participants.

Anecdotal Information

Tell us a story. Give two or more examples of how the project has helped an individual or group in your community.

Most participants admit they had little or no knowledge of Riverside's Sister Cities and few could name them all. Most who could are city employees. The project has increased participant knowledge in this area. As participants checked-in their iPads, we had fun with this by giving a short quiz (i.e. "Quick! Name Riverside's Sister Cities). It's great fun. We have had customers return for checkout to increase their score.

A customer shared that she was adopted as a child and was originally from Romania. She used the iPad and print travel materials to learn more about Romania and plans to visit someday. She is still considering whether to attempt locating her birth parents, but she is interested in knowing more about Romania and its culture.

Exemplary Project

If you feel your project was exemplary and others could learn from it and replicate it, please tell us why.

I don't know if I'd call the project exemplary, but it is very easy to replicate. Most cities participate in the Sister Cities International program and have staff overseeing the program who can assist. It provides a way to showcase the program and enhances community knowledge of city initiatives.

FEEDBACK FOR THE CALIFORNIA STATE LIBRARY ON THE GRANT PROCESS

We want to learn and improve our grant processes. Please let us know what worked and what we could do differently to make it a better experience. Thank you!

It all worked fine. We fell behind the curve with regard to reporting due to staff illnesses.

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