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DATE: AUGUST 13, 2018
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TO: MAYOR ZAK AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD
DATE: AUGUST 8, 2018
SUBJECT: IMLS FUTURE FUNDING SUPPORT

This memo is regarding the Library Advisory Board's request for the City's support for the future funding of the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS).

Background

At the Library Advisory Board's regular meeting on August 7, 2018, the board discussed three federal bills allocating funding that directly benefits/affects the Homer Public Library.

The Library Advisory Board members spoke with staff at our representative's offices and the ALA in Washington D.C. Per those conversations, the following information was gathered:

- **S.2271 – Museum and Library Services Act of 2017**
Has been expired since 2016, but is still receiving funding. This bill re-authorizes the IMLS and is still gathering co-sponsors; it is not expected to be voted on until after January 1, 2019. Senator Murkowski is on the Senate Appropriations Committee is a co-sponsor, Senator Sullivan is not.
- **H.R.6470 – Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2019**
Has passed in the House Appropriations Committee on July 11, 2018 and introduced to the House on July 23, 2018 by Tom Cole (R-OK). No date set for action and has zero sponsors as to-date.
- **S.3158 – Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2019**
Has passed in the House Appropriations Committee on June 28, 2018 (with an actual increase in funding) and introduced to the Senate on June 28, 2018 by Roy Blunt (R-MO). No date set for action and has zero sponsors as to-date.

All three bills have been introduced on the Senate and House level, with the next step being a vote on the Senate and House floors. These votes must be done by October 1, 2018, otherwise a "temporary funding measure" will continue the funding at last year's level. It is likely that the votes will not happen by the deadline and will be delayed until after the November elections with the seating of the new congressional members.

Recommendation

The Library Advisory Board requests that the City, by way of resolution, support the future funding of the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and the need for congressional representatives Senator Murkowski, Senator Sullivan, and Representative Young to co-sponsor the three bills; and seeks a Council Member to sponsor such a resolution.