



Blount County Budget Committee Memo

TO: Blount County Commissioners


FROM: Blount County Public Library

RE: Request to use Library Fund Balance for AMH Service Level Agreement

DATE: November 12, 2024

1. Background The Automated Materials Handler is part of the Book Return project. This equipment will improve citizens experience by checking in materials as they are fed through the machine, being sorted and then back on the shelf for circulation.
2. History (tell if the item has been brought to the budget committee previously) The Committee has been many elements of this project - The purchase of the equipment, & the construction element. The Board supports this request to finish project.
3. Current Operations (how are operations without the requested item/service) Without an SLA, service on the machine would be as needed and could be extremely costly.
4. Proposal (what is the new item/service being requested) Pre-payment of a service level agreement for years 2-7 using Library fund balance, securing a cost-avoidance of \$23,761.22 over that time period.
5. Impact if not funded (provide a summary on impact to the mission if the item/service is not approved) Longer downtimes, greater expense in each instance, with both of these negatively impacting library services to the community.

Budget Impact	
Original Budget	\$ 0
Amendment Impact	\$ 106,717.80
Proposed Revised Budget	\$ 106,717.80


Signature from Department Head/Elected (or designee)

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