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San Mateo Receives First-Ever State Library Funding for Climate Change Education

San Mateo, CA – The City of San Mateo Public Library is one of just 20 California local library systems selected to receive first-ever funding from the State Library to support projects focused on sustainability and climate resilience.

Projects receiving funding through the new Sustainable California Libraries grants will focus on climate education, environment-focused civic engagement, water conservation, air quality, energy efficiency, reducing waste and supporting local climate action and resilience plans.



The \$10,000 grant will enable the City of San Mateo Public Library to offer programming and workshops that connect the public with information and resources to promote sustainability, and align with San Mateo's [2020 Climate Action Plan](#). Enhancing sustainability and reducing greenhouse gas emissions in the community is a key priority for the City and its leadership. These funds will help the City engage the public around efforts they can take to reduce their impact on the environment.

The City of San Mateo Public Library will host a series of multi-generational activities and programs to engage the public in discourse and hands-on activities to explore local climate concerns with a focus on water conservation, waste reduction and habitat creation. Programs will include mending workshops and repair clinics for bicycles, furniture and electronics, as well as family gardening workshops and a seed library where community members can get free seeds for gardening.

This series is supported in part by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered in California by the [State Librarian](#).

“It’s an honor to be selected for this new sustainability grant that will directly support innovative programming and education in our community,” said City of San Mateo Librarian James Moore. “The funding will allow us to purchase tools and supplies enabling us to establish ongoing programs including a seed library and repair café. We look forward to working with our City’s Sustainability Program to help reach the goals outlined in our climate action plan.”

The first of the City’s programs begins in December with a mending workshop for teenagers.

For a full list of projects visit: [Sustainable California Libraries](#). Learn more about the City’s Library programs at www.cityofsanmateo.org/library.

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