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Dear Colleague:

The Council of Chief Librarians supports the request by the Community College League of California for Community Project Funding to obtain diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) focused library resources to benefit public institutions and stakeholders in your district and across the state.

The purpose of the Council of Chief Librarians is to represent, promote and advance libraries in California Community Colleges. It advocates for good public policy development for the 116 college libraries, as well as facilitates discussion, collaboration, and professional development opportunities for CCC library leaders and librarians.

California community colleges serve diverse populations in race and ethnicities. Accordingly, library resources need to reflect those diverse populations to support equity and inclusion goals. There is a large equity gap caused by a disparity of library resources available to students and staff across the diverse statewide community college system. Database collections that represent marginalized people of race, color and gender identity are essential to support diversity, inclusion and equality efforts.

The following are representative of diversity, equity and inclusion library resources available for acquisition by the League to benefit California community colleges:

- ***African American Historical Serials Collection*** – featuring materials from 1829 through 1922.
- ***Arte Público Hispanic Historical Collection: Series 1*** – a digital collection of historical content pertaining to United States Hispanic history, literature and culture.
- ***Arte Público Hispanic Historical Collection: Series 2*** – presenting manuscript, book, and newspaper content in the areas of Hispanic civil rights, religion, and women’s rights.
- ***Ebony Magazine Archive*** – one of the key Afro-American magazines of the 20th century.
- ***Asian American Drama*** – bringing together more than 250 plays, along with related biographical, production, and theatrical materials.
- ***North American Indian Thought and Culture*** – including more than 100,000 pages featuring virtually all North American indigenous peoples.

Thank you for your consideration of this important opportunity for California’s community colleges.

Sincerely,

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