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TO: Leonard Martin, City Manager

FROM: Sue Haas, Library Director

Consider **Approval Of The Purchase Of eBooks From Vendor 3M Cloud Library** In An Amount Not To Exceed \$45,000.00.

BACKGROUND:

The Library is bringing this to Council for approval because the demand for eBooks has exceeded expectations due to the ease of the new 3M Cloud eBook Service and the public interest in general in reading loaned books in digital format. The Library migrated from the Axis 360 eBooks hosting service to 3M Cloud eBooks Library in March 2015. The 3M Cloud Library offers a significantly better customer friendly environment and more knowledgeable technical experience. Adapting to expectations of our customers, Librarians intend to select and purchase eBooks from this vendor in an amount not to exceed \$45,000.

As a point of information: 3M Cloud was selected as the Library's new eBook vendor for the factors stated above and for its reasonable hosting fee. 3M's hosting fee fell at the midpoint when the three major eBook vendors were contacted and provided quotations.

Vendor	Quote for Hosting Fee (eBooks collection)
3M Cloud Library	\$2,500 1 st year / \$5,000 2 nd year --
Axis 360	\$4,000 per year
Overdrive	\$8,000 per year

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Publishers of eBooks offer the same price for their eBook titles, regardless of which hosting service a Library uses. Regular allocated capital budget funds are funding these additional eBook purchases.

IMPACT ON COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY:

Library management will continue to obtain and track statistics on the number of check-outs and determine whether a title should be purchased in print, as an eBook or in both formats.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION/ACTION DESIRED:

Staff recommends that the City Council approve eBook purchases in an amount not to exceed \$45,000 with this vendor.