

**AGENDA ITEM:** CLSA System Communications and Delivery Program

**ISSUE TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD AT THIS MEETING:** Additional 2001/02 System Communications and Delivery funding.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE BOARD:** I move that the Library of California Board direct its Chief Executive Officer to seek additional 2001/02 local assistance funding in the amount of \$13,000 for the System Communications and Delivery Program.

**BACKGROUND:**

Over the past four years, five libraries have separated from their county systems to form independent library jurisdictions and have joined CLSA Cooperative Library Systems. They are Calabasas, Moreno Valley, Murrieta, Pleasanton and Riverside County public libraries. The added cost to the System Communications and Delivery Program for this gain in members is \$12,614.\*

Each time a newly formed library jurisdiction affiliates with a CLSA Cooperative Library System, the additional cost must be absorbed by the total funds allocated to the System Communications and Delivery Program baseline budget. As the number of members increases the allocation per member is proportionally reduced. There is no basis in the CLSA Act, to deny System membership because of the increased costs of adding new members. The additional funding reflects only the portion of the total System C&D budget (\$1,263,000) allocated for System membership (\$420,998). See below:

a. System C&D budget allocation for membership	\$420,998
b. Total members before net gain	$\div$ 167
c. Per member share before net gain	\$ 2,521
d. Total members after net gain	172
e. Proposed System C&D budget allocation for membership (c x d)	433,612
f. <b>Difference in membership portion of System C&amp;D budget (e - a)</b>	<b>12,614</b>

In fiscal year 1998/99 a budget augmentation was submitted through the BCP process in the amount of \$8,000 for a net increase of three newly formed library jurisdictions that had become members of CLSA Cooperative Systems between fiscal years 1994/95 and 1997/98. Prior to this, System-level programs had been maintaining service levels at the same funding level since fiscal year 1991/92 when a four percent (4%) reduction in the general fund occurred. And since 1983/84, no grants have been provided for new affiliations and no adjustments have been made to support increased membership to date.

\* The Department of Finance Budget Change Proposal process requires that requested amounts be rounded.

**GENERAL OVERALL PROGRAM UPDATES:**

**CURRENT STATUS:** The CLSA System Communications and Delivery Program continues to support the sharing of resources among the members of California's 15 Cooperative Library Systems.

**Review and Discussion of 2000/01 System Plans:** 2000/01 System Plans of Service have been received. Exhibit A displays the workload estimates and service delivery methods by System, abstracted from those plans. They show that most Systems continue to use the Internet and other forms of telecommunications systems usage, such as access to online services, as their primary communications device. Systems have also adopted 2000/01 performance objectives. The average for communication is delivery of 93% of transmitted messages within 23 hours (See Exhibit B). For the delivery of materials, the average performance objective is 92% of the items delivered within 3 working days (See Exhibit C).

Exhibit D includes two charts displaying the workload history of the number of communication messages and items delivered for each of the 15 Systems for the past ten years.

**RELATED ISSUE TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD IN THE FUTURE:** Summary of 1999/2000 System Annual Reports (November 2000).

Relevant Committee: CLSA Transition  
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