

AGENDA ITEM: CLSA System Communications and Delivery Program

GENERAL OVERALL PROGRAM UPDATES:

CURRENT STATUS: The CLSA System Communications and Delivery Program continues to support the sharing of resources among the member of California's 15 Cooperative Library Systems. Systems are currently developing their 2001/02 Plans of Service for this program as well as for System Reference and System Advisory Board programs. A copy of the forms and instructions are available upon request.

PROGRAM TRENDS: The Governor's proposed budget for 2001/02, as introduced, includes a \$13,000 augmentation to the CLSA System Communications and Delivery Program budget as requested through a Budget Change Proposal submitted in accordance with the Board's action at its August 2000 meeting. The amount proposed is for the net increase in membership for newly formed independent library jurisdictions that have joined Cooperative Library Systems since July 1997.

TRANSITION PROCESS: Staff requests guidance from the Library of California Board in preparing a plan for the transition of this program and its funding to the Library of California for Board consideration, including when to stop requesting additional funds for the CLSA budget. It appears that funding for the CLSA System Communications and Delivery Program supports objectives included in the stated intent of the Telecommunications, Reference (Information and Referrals) and Regional Delivery mandatory program elements of the Library of California. In addition, the Library of California includes delivery costs as part of the compensation for Interlibrary Loan under Access Services. Therefore those program elements would be the most likely target areas for transitioning this particular CLSA program into the multitype network of the Library of California. Interlibrary loan compensation could be reimbursed directly from the state to each library or through the Regional Delivery mandatory program.

RELATED ISSUES TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD IN THE FUTURE:

1. Consider BCP for 2002/03 budget (June).
2. Summary of 2001/02 Plans of Service (August).
3. Consider 2001/02 budget (August).

Relevant Committee: Support Services
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