

AGENDA ITEM: CLSA Statewide Data Base

ISSUES TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD AT THIS MEETING:

1. Consideration of Statewide Data Base funds for payment of annual subsidies.
2. Consideration of Statewide Data Base funds for targeted one-time grants.

RECOMMENDED MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE BOARD:

I move that the Library of California Board approve the allocation of 2002/03 funds for payment of CLSA Statewide Data Base annual subsidies in the amounts of \$69, \$250, \$550, and \$5,500, and instruct its Chief Executive Officer to invite claims for such payments.

RECOMMENDED MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE BOARD:

I move that the Library of California Board approve the allocation of any 2002/03 CLSA Statewide Data Base funds not required for payment of annual subsidies, for competitive grants up to \$7,500 each to individual public libraries for Z39.50 server software acquisition and installation; and that the Board instruct its Chief Executive Officer to invite applications for such grants.

ISSUES 1 & 2: Consideration of Statewide Data Base funds for payment of annual subsidies and targeted one-time grants.

Annual Subsidies

In the report, *A Study of Linked Systems with Recommendations for the Future of the CLSA Statewide Data Base* by Joan Frye Williams (May, 1998), recommendations were made for funding efforts in support of the CLSA Statewide Data Base. At the May 1998 CLSB meeting, the Board accepted these recommendations and instructed the staff to prepare an implementation plan for the August meeting. The plan was prepared and used for the distribution of CLSA local assistance funding in the past four fiscal years (1998/99 through 2001/02).

Exhibit A presents current Z39.50 accessibility information for CLSA libraries.

As recommended in the plan, three levels of subsidies – two for public libraries and one for CLSA cooperative systems – have been offered during this time, paid out of

CLSA Statewide Data Base funds. Staff recommend an additional subsidy to encourage both direct and resource sharing server access to library catalog databases:

For public libraries:

- A subsidy of \$69 in recognition of libraries' use of OCLC as a valuable tool for locating materials owned by California libraries whose collections are stored on OCLC but are not accessible via Z39.50 search; (estimated \$1,863 cost) or
- A subsidy of \$550 to libraries that have made their catalog database directly accessible via Z39.50 searching and contribute connection and configuration information to a statewide access list, (estimated \$62,700 cost) and/or
- A subsidy of \$250 to libraries that have made their catalog database accessible via Z39.50 linking through CLSA or LoC resource sharing servers (estimated \$19,750 cost).

For CLSA cooperative systems:

- A \$5500 subsidy for implementing regional resource sharing servers to link Z39.50-enabled local systems (estimated \$66,000 cost).

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the above subsidies be made available in FY 2002/03 subject to available funding. Staff estimates a total cost of \$150,313.

Targeted One-Time Grants:

During the past three years, the Board has used the remaining Statewide Data Base funds not required for annual subsidy reimbursement for several types of targeted one-time grants to public libraries including retrospective conversion, catalog record enhancement and Z39.50 server software installation.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that Z39.50 server software/web catalog installation grants be offered to public libraries from remaining Statewide Data Base funds, subject to available funding, with the following conditions:

- The grants will be awarded on a competitive basis, based on the guidelines included in the grant announcements. Preference will be given to
 1. libraries that have neither Z39.50 nor web based catalog access
 2. libraries that do not have Z39.50 accessible catalogs, and
 3. libraries that wish to support other local library catalog accessibility via Z39.50

- Applicants must show the actual cost of the activities associated with the grant and use that cost as the basis for the amount of funding requested; and
- \$7,500 will be the maximum amount allowed for the grant.

GENERAL OVERALL PROGRAM UPDATE:

CURRENT STATUS: The CLSA Statewide Data Base Program continues to support resource sharing throughout the State. Exhibit B shows the final disbursement of program funds for fiscal year 2001/02.

Contributions to OCLC

Following early data collection efforts which led to the production of a microfiche catalog, the California Library Services Board selected OCLC in 1984 as a service utility to provide the CLSA Data Base online. Contributions of records and holdings are made to OCLC under a variety of contractual agreements with California public libraries. The number of holdings records at the end of each of the five previous quarters were:

June 2001	19,523,175
September 2001	19,601,309
December 2001	19,936,359
March 2002	20,449,855
June 2002	20,661,271

During the twelve months prior to the middle of June 2002, 1,138,096 holdings records were added to OCLC at an average of over 94,840 records per month. The latest holdings report from OCLC is attached as Exhibit C to this agenda item.

RELATED ISSUE TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD IN THE FUTURE: Update on OCLC California public library holdings.

Relevant Committee: Support Services
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