

RPLAC meeting - State grants and standards

Decatur, GA – March 6, 2015

State budget update (Julie Walker – State Librarian)

- Hopeful about building projects and materials money.
- Legislative session to recess on April 2nd (hopefully).
- There may be changes to TRS, including cuts to the guaranteed pension fund.
- The University System is eliminating supplementary insurance.
- There are several new library directors – a training session will be held before this year’s ACCG.

Policies for Public State Grants Programs

4.0 STATE GRANTS

4.6 Eliminated because it’s been addressed in the new funding formula.

4.5 Minimum local funding increased to \$500K.

4.4 **A vote was called for the use of the word “may” (4 votes in favor, 1 opposed).**

4.7 Add text of current funding formula as an appendix to the document.

4.10 Streamlined – see changes on draft, page 4.

The Library System Board of Trustees shall provide a plan for the distribution of services to be provided to and/or for each county for each of the State Grants. Additionally, a budget showing the use of the State Grants for the Library System shall be submitted.

Followup note: Re-wording needed for “plan for the distribution of services”?

1.0 ADMINISTRATION AND GOVERNANCE

1.9 Change “offer” to “facilitate”.

2.0 TYPES OF GRANTS

2.1.2 Increase in the base allocation for state-paid position grants will be determined annually depending on available funding.

2.2.1 *Materials grants will be determined annually depending on available funding. The Public Library Materials Grant – when available – shall be used for the purchase of Library Materials and the cataloging and processing of these materials in accordance with the Library System Collection Development Policy.*

3.0 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

[Stands as presently written.]

5.0 DEFINITIONS

Discussion: Do service outlets qualify for MRR funds? The GPLS position is “no”.

Discussion: Eliminated line: “... minimum essential bandwidth needed to conduct business and provide public access computing”

Discussion: Re-wording needed for “... has a separate line for computer use”. More current terminology?

Georgia Public Library Standards

Page 1 Should be marked as the “March 2015 Revision”.

Page 2 “Library Board” becomes “governing Library Board of Trustees”.

Item 2 under “A. Administration” becomes a bullet point under Item 1.

“Governing Library Board of Trustees” changed throughout the document.

Page 3 Item 9 Add “reviewed at least annually”.
 Item 14 Eliminated second sentence.
 Item 16 Eliminated.
 Item 19 Add “requiring appropriate assistance”.
 “on-line” = “online”.

Page 4 Item 20 Add “evaluated at least annually”.
 Item 24 There will be a bandwidth chart added.
 Change “wireless hotspot” to “provides wireless access”.

Page 5 Item 25 Add “Devices with productivity software suites” .
 Change wording to “essential bandwidth” phrase.
 Add “evaluated annually”.

Beth McIntyre called for a vote on adding the phrase “one library in each county” (5 votes in favor, 2 opposed).

Page 8 “Governing” should not be capitalized (throughout).

[LUNCHBREAK – AND LOSS OF QUORUM.]

Discussion of staffing standards.

Comparison of Virginia, Tennessee, and Florida staffing standards.

Would .3 FTE per 1000 population be a reasonable figure to think about among Rural Single County libraries? Would it be something to strive for (realistically)?

PRIMARY SERVICE STANDARDS

Governance

Page 9 Item 20 Discussion of expenditures for materials. Shift from percentage of budget to a per-capita figure?

Respectfully submitted

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