

SERVICES COMMITTEE

August 12, 2009

PRESENT: Erin Apostol, Brian Hartson, LouAnne Lundgren, Mary Muller, Richard Naylor, Lois Prenovost, Philip Ritter, Heidi Fuge

E. Apostol convened the meeting at 3:30 P.M.

I. ALBANY PUBLIC CONSTRUCTION GRANT APPLICATION

P. Ritter reported that Albany Public Library has asked if they can change their construction grant application to include the total project cost for the Bach Branch rather than just for the HVAC system. Grace Kelly at DLD encouraged them to make their application as high as possible since she thinks that there might be unused funds from other library systems. P. Ritter noted that allowing APL to change their application does not change any of the other amounts that the Committee approved since all of the other applicants received the maximum amount that they could be awarded.

B. Hartson objected strongly to making any changes noting that the Committee created new Guidelines that aren't even one year old yet and haven't been thoroughly tested. He also thought that it was unfair to allow APL to change its application. P. Ritter noted that APL had originally applied for only part of a project - all of the other libraries applied for their entire projects and were recommended to receive the maximum amount of funds.

R. Naylor responded that it would be a shame to deny any UHLS library the opportunity to receive more funds, and furthermore it would be a shame if DLD had to return any unused construction funds to the State after having advocated for increased funding.

P. Ritter reminded the Committee that if they allow this change, it needs UHLS Board approval.

MOTION: R. Naylor moved to recommend that the UHLS Board accept Grace Kelly's recommendation to allow the Albany Public Library to amend its Construction Grant application and to apply for the total amount of the renovation project.
M. Muller seconded.
AYES - 4; NAYS - 1 Motion passed.

II. RANKING THE CONSTRUCTION GRANT APPLICATIONS

P. Ritter reported that DLD requires that the UHLS Board rank the six construction grant applications. The ranking is fairly inconsequential but it is a requirement. Consensus that the APL application must be ranked sixth.

MOTION: M. Muller moved to recommend that the UHLS Board accept the grant evaluations prepared by P. Ritter and that they rank the construction grant applications in ascending order of amount requested as follows:

- 1 - Sand Lake
- 2 - Stephentown
- 3 - Brunswick
- 4 - Guilderland
- 5 - Altamont
- 6 - Albany

L. Prenovost seconded. AYES: 4; NAYS - 1. Motion passed.

NEXT Services Committee meeting: Wednesday, September 9th at 3:30 - if necessary.

Heidi A. Fuge
8/14/09