



SERVICES COMMITTEE

August 11, 2010

PRESENT: Erin Apostol, Brian Hartson, LouAnne Lundgren, Richard Naylor, Celeste Steinke, Mary Muller, Tim Burke, Heidi Fuge

2:00 PM – Meeting called to order by E. Apostol.

I. CONSTRUCTION GRANT APPLICATIONS

Committee members reviewed the four construction grant applications. The applications totaled \$480,331.00. The total amount available is \$441,390.00

Discussion as to merits of each grant application and how they fit within the grant guidelines. There were some concerns expressed regarding the Guilderland application since certain features were studies rather than actual construction projects. B. Hartson noted that these studies were necessary precursors to the actual construction project. T. Burke noted that there might be some changes in interpretation of the guidelines by the State since Grace Kelly is retiring from DLD and, at this time, we don't know who will be in charge of the Construction Grant Program.

E. Apostol asked if there were any projects that would suffer, or that the libraries would not be able to undertake, if they didn't receive the full amount that they requested. It was noted that since most of the applications contained multiple components, it might be possible to downscale projects if the full amount was not awarded.

Discussion regarding the Albany project and the fact that some components of it were particularly "scaleable." R. Naylor pointed out that in the past UHLS has been awarded additional funds that have not been used by other library system. If the Albany application was awarded a lower amount than requested, there is still the possibility that additional funds might be available and the library might eventually receive the full amount requested. The Albany projects are still possible, even if the full amount is not awarded.

MOTION: L. Lundgren moved to recommend that the Board approve the following funding levels: that Altamont, Guilderland and Rensselaerville should be awarded the full amounts requested and Albany should be awarded \$38,941 less than their requested amount. B. Hartson seconded. Unanimous.

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The recommended grant awards would be:

Albany	\$250,085
Altamont	\$ 40,190
Guilderland	\$ 132,865
Rensselaerville	\$ 18,250
TOTAL:	\$441,390

The deadline for submission of the applications to the State is September 28th.

Heidi A. Fuge
8/12/10