

Innovation Grant Opportunity

Background

At its October 25 meeting, the NLS Administrative Council approved an allocation of \$120,000 to be used to fund an Innovation Grant Opportunity, based on the BALIS model. BALIS has had a similar and very successful program since 2006. These grants have produced significant and important results for the recipients that have been shared with other BALIS members. Previous BALIS grants that did not exceed \$15,000 are posted on the PLP website for your information and review. Go to plpinfo.org to view them. The Administrative Council expects that this experience will be of great value to NLS member libraries.

Funding Limits

Each grant application may not exceed \$15,000.

Criteria for Awards

Funds will be available to fund implementation of an idea, program or vision that provides a new service model or brings a fresh idea or interpretation to an existing model of library service. Reviewers will be asked to evaluate applications based on these criteria:

1. Service that introduces a new idea, program or vision that is not currently used in the library
2. Service that may benefit other NLS members
3. Service that may benefit other California libraries

Review Panel

The PLS (NLS contractor for administrative services) Executive Director will recruit a three-person panel from outside of NLS to review and evaluate funding applications and provide feedback on the proposals.

Timeline

Grants are due on Wednesday, January 9, 2013.

Questions?

Please contact Jane Light (lightj@plsinfo.org or 650-533-0548) if you have any questions.

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Please provide the following information in a Microsoft Word document. Send the completed form to Wendy Cao, 2471 Flores Street, San Mateo, CA 94403 or email caow@plsinfo.org.

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1. Title of Project _____

2. Library/Libraries applying for funding _____

Name _____

Email _____

Mailing Address _____

3. Amount of funding requested _____

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7. The goals and objectives of the project.

8. The project timeline (activities).

9. The evaluation of the project.

10. The project budget.