

## **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](http://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](mailto:lightj@plsinfo.org) or 650-533-0548) if you have any questions.

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**Due Wednesday, January 9, 2013**

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](mailto: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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4. One paragraph project summary.
5. Explain how this project fits with the library's strategic directions.
6. A description of the proposed project including the population served and the demographics of that population.

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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.