

Computer Training Centers in Public Libraries

Eligible Applicants: Public libraries who do not presently operate a computer training center and who meet the eligibility requirements in RFP section 4.1. are eligible to apply for the grant. Libraries must serve populations of 15,000 and greater.

Amount Available: \$200,000

Maximum Grant: \$ 20,000

Technical Assistance Session: April 21, 1999

Deadline: July 8, 1999

The purpose of the grant program: To assist public libraries to install training centers and develop training programs to provide hands-on computer training for library users to develop skill in locating and effectively using information in World Wide Web, CD-ROM and other electronic databases. The focus of this grant program is on training persons of all ages (especially adults) who lack information about the resources on the World Wide Web and in other electronic databases and may have limited computer mouse and keyboard skills and/or limited database search skills.

Implementing Z39.50 and WebPac Technology: Second Round

Eligible Applicants: Public and academic libraries and library computer consortia who own and operate an integrated online library system capable of operating Z39.50 and WebPac Technologies and meet the other requirements outlined in RFP section 4.1 are eligible to apply for the grant. Public Libraries must have a collection of 60,000 volumes or greater. Academic libraries must have a collection of 80,000 volumes or greater.

Amount Available: \$200,000

Maximum Grant: \$ 25,000 to \$35,000 depending on the size of the collection

Technical Assistance Session: May 11, 1999

Deadline: July 1, 1999

The purpose of the grant program: To provide grant funds for Z39.50 and WebPac software and a server to public and academic libraries and library computer consortia to encourage interconnectivity and resource sharing among all types of libraries. Libraries or consortia that already have Z39.50, version 3 software operating on their integrated online library systems may apply for funds to purchase WebPac software and a server.

Library Services to Special Populations: Children and Young Adults

Eligible Applicants: Public libraries who have filed a *Public Library Annual Report* and meet all Per Capita State Aid requirements for 1997; and have one professional librarian or support staff person dedicated to working with children and young adults *full-time*.

Amount Available: \$200,000

Maximum Grant: \$ 10,000

Technical Assistance Session: June 10, 1999

Deadline: July 29, 1999

The purpose of the grant program: To assist public libraries to develop services, programs and resources to meet the needs of unserved or underserved children and young adults within the library's community. The grant is targeted to children and young adults who are having difficulty

using a library. This targeted population includes at-risk and latchkey children and young adults and those children and young adults who: need assistance in using the Internet or CD-ROM electronic resources to gather and find information; need homework assistance or mentoring; lack proficiency in English-language skills; and lack computer skills. Eligible projects include: establishing a homework center; coordinating tutoring sessions which link volunteers and children and young adults; developing family computer literacy programs; developing a conversation group and/or other programs that will assist children and young adults with limited English proficiency, etc.

Public Library Literacy Programs

Eligible Applicants: Public libraries currently operating literacy instruction, family literacy or ESOL programs, who did not receive a literacy grant in FY 1999, are eligible to respond to this RFP, individually or in groups. These libraries must have filed a *Public Library Annual Report* and met all Per Capita State Aid requirements for 1997.

Amount Available: \$160,000

Maximum Grant: \$ 20,000

Technical Assistance Session: May 12 1999

Deadline: July 22, 1999

The purpose of the grant program: To strengthen local public library services, resources and programs to meet the literacy needs of adults, young adults and families. Eligible projects: library-based literacy instruction programs; library-based family literacy programs; and library based English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) programs. This grant program will fund projects for one year. Libraries who received a literacy grant in FY 1999 are ineligible to apply for this grant program.

AWARDS OF CONTRACT ANNOUNCED

Collection Development for Medium-Sized Public Libraries

This non-competitive grant program, for libraries serving populations from 10,000 - 19,999, provided funds for the purchase of materials in the following subject specialties: reference; adult, children's and young adult materials; and foreign language materials. The maximum grant award was \$5,000. The following 62 libraries were awarded a total of \$306,450:

Asbury Park, Berkeley Heights, Bridgeton, Carteret, Cedar Grove, Chatham, Clark, Collingswood, Denville, Dover, East Hanover, Elmwood Park, Franklin Lakes, Franklin Twp (Gloucester), Freehold, Glen Rock, Gloucester City, Haddonfield, Hanover Twp, (Whippanong Library Association), Hasbrouck Heights, Hawthorne (Louis Bay 2nd Library), Highland Park, Jefferson Twp., Lincoln Park, Little Falls, Little Ferry, Lyndhurst, Madison, Manville, Middlesex, Millburn, Montville, Moorestown, New Millford, New Providence, North Arlington, Oakland, Ocean City, Phillipsburg, Plainsboro, Pompton Lakes, Ramsey, Red Bank, Ridgefield Park, Ringwood, Roselle Park (Veteran's Memorial Library), Rutherford, Saddle Brook, Somerville, South Orange, South River, Sparta, Springfield, Summit, Tenafly, Totowa (Dwight D. Eisenhower Library), Waldwick, Washington Twp (Morris Co.), Waterford Twp., West Deptford, Westwood, Woodbury.

Computer Training Centers in Public Libraries

Public libraries receiving a grant will install training centers and develop training programs to provide hands-on computer training for library users to develop skill in locating and effectively using information in World Wide Web, CD-ROM and other electronic databases and familiarity with the Windows Interface and have the necessary computer mouse and keyboard skills. The following 10 libraries were awarded a total of \$192,215:

Cumberland County Library	\$20,000
East Brunswick Public Library	\$20,000
Englewood Public Library	\$19,997
Gloucester County Library	\$20,000
Nutley Free Public Library	\$16,708
Old Bridge Public Library	\$19,998
Ridgewood Public Library	\$19,892
Roxbury Public Library	\$20,000
South Brunswick Public Library	\$15,701
Willingboro Public Library	\$19,919

Implementing Z39.50 and WebPac Technology

The purpose of this grant program is to assist public and academic libraries and library computer consortia to acquire the necessary technology to further promote interconnectivity and resource sharing among all types of libraries in the state of New Jersey. Libraries and consortia may acquire servers, WebPac software, Z39.50 software, NT software, users' licenses and vendor-supplied training. The following 17 libraries and consortia were awarded a total of \$461,381:

Atlantic City Free Public Library	\$25,000
Atlantic County Library	\$30,000
Burlington County Library	\$29,834
Cape May County Library	\$24,720
Cherry Hill Free Public Library	\$25,000
Cumberland County Library	\$25,000
Elizabeth Free Public Library	\$24,928
Gloucester County Library	\$25,000
LMxAC	\$35,000
M.A.I.N., Inc.	\$35,000
Newark Public Library	\$35,000
New Jersey Institute of Technology	\$25,000
Ocean County Library	\$30,000
PALS Plus	\$24,175
St. Peter's College	\$21,896
Somerset County Library	\$20,828
Woodbridge Public Library	\$25,000

Incentives for Larger Service Units Grant Program

This grant program assisted eligible county and municipal branch libraries to: 1) purchase state-of-the-art computers and other equipment to provide patron direct access to the Internet and electronic resources; and 2) replace out-of-date, inadequate computer equipment. Each eligible branch library was awarded up to a maximum of \$4,000. The following 2 libraries were awarded a total of \$100,000:

Atlantic County Library	\$32,000
Ocean County Library	\$68,000

Integrated Online Library Systems Implementation for Public and Community College Libraries

The objective of this grant program is to assist public and community college libraries to become a member of a library computer consortium providing online catalog, circulation and cataloging subsystems for its member libraries; or to share a public library's Integrated Online Library System. The following 6 libraries were awarded a total of \$363,909:

Fanwood Memorial Library	\$50,000
Kenilworth Public Library	\$39,095
Matawan-Aberdeen Public Library	\$75,000
Passaic County Community College	\$50,000
Plainfield Free Public Library	\$99,900
Salem Community College	\$49,914

Library Services to Special Populations

This grant program funds public library projects to develop new services, programs and resources or to expand existing ones to meet the needs of unserved or underserved populations within the libraries community. In FY 1999, the following groups were targeted for service: children and adults who are economically disadvantaged; adults who are unemployed or underemployed; and children and adults whose English-language skills are limited. The following 12 libraries were awarded a total of \$119,009:

Atlantic City Free Public Library	\$10,000
Belleville Public Library & Information Center	\$10,000
Camden Free Public Library	\$ 9,903
Cumberland County Library	\$10,000
East Brunswick Public Library	\$10,000
Elizabeth Free Public Library	\$10,000
Gloucester County Library System	\$10,000
Hillside Public Library	\$ 9,106
Mount Laurel Public Library	\$10,000
Newark Public Library	\$10,000
South Brunswick Public Library	\$10,000
Union Free Public Library (Friburger Park)	\$10,000

Maintenance and Preservation Grant Program

The goal of this grant program is that library materials of significant historical, cultural or social value will remain in usable form and accessible to future researchers, historians and citizens. The objective of the program is to assist libraries in the preservation and conservation of collections of materials that have significant historical, cultural or social value beyond that of the institution itself, in ways consistent with existing preservation and conservation standards. The following 21 libraries were awarded a total of \$251,432:

Bayonne Free Public Library	\$11,666
Burlington County Library	\$ 8,430
Gloucester County Library	\$ 1,682

Hoboken Public Library	\$ 3,321
Jersey City Free Public Library	\$ 7,500
Kean University, Nancy Thompson Library	\$15,000
Monmouth County Historical Association	\$15,000
Montclair Public Library	\$15,000
Mount Laurel Public Library	\$15,000
New Jersey Historical Society	\$ 7,136
New Jersey Museum of Agriculture	\$14,410
New Jersey State Archives	\$15,000
Newark Public Library	\$15,000
Old Bergen Church	\$15,000
Oradell Free Public Library	\$15,000
Paterson Museum	\$15,000
Plainfield Free Public Library	\$15,000
Rider University Library	\$14,204
Ridgewood Public Library	\$14,321
Rutgers University - Special Collections	\$14,990
West Orange Public Library	\$ 3,772

Public Library Literacy Programs

The goal of this grant program is to strengthen local public library services, resources and programs to meet the literacy needs of adults, young adults and families. Projects funded under this program will assist public libraries to strengthen or expand their existing program components in literacy instruction, family literacy and/or English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL). The following 13 libraries were awarded a total of \$245,579:

Belleville Public Library & Information Center	\$19,200
Camden County Library	\$19,424
Elizabeth Free Public Library	\$20,000
Gloucester County Library	\$20,000
Hillside Public Library	\$11,955
Jersey City Free Public Library	\$20,000
Libraries of Middlesex	\$15,000
Newark Public Library	\$20,000
Passaic Public Library	\$20,000
Paterson Free Public Library	\$20,000
Plainfield Free Public Library	\$20,000
Vineland Public Library	\$20,000
Westwood Free Public Library	\$20,000

Technology Grant Program for County & Municipal Library Branches

This non-competitive grant program assisted eligible county and municipal branch libraries to: 1) purchase state-of-the-art computers and other equipment to provide patron direct access to the Internet and electronic resources; and 2) replace out-of-date, inadequate computer equipment. Each eligible branch library was awarded up to a maximum of \$4,000. The following 19 libraries were awarded a total \$231,430 from the Technology Bond Fund:

Burlington County, Cape May County, Clifton, Edison Twp, Elizabeth, Gloucester County, Hunterdon County, Jersey City, Mercer County, Monmouth County, Montclair,

Parsippany-Troy, Paterson, Somerset County, Trenton, Union (Friberger Park), Warren County, Wayne, Woodbridge.

Router Grants for Libraries Served by Sprint

The State Library awarded Technology Bond Fund grants, totaling \$17,616, to purchase routers for dedicated line Internet access to public libraries served by Sprint. The following 6 libraries could not take advantage of the free equipment offered through the Bell Atlantic *Access New Jersey Program*: Frenchtown, Flemington, Hunterdon County, Sparta, Warren County, and Washington Twp (Morris),

Vale Project: Database Access for Academic Libraries

The VALE Project, a consortium of 45 New Jersey public and private academic libraries, was awarded \$100,000 to contract with OCLC to obtain its site search interface and have unlimited use of two academic databases for a year.

Volunteers Needed for Grant Reader Evaluation Panels

The State Library is seeking librarians to read and score competitive grant applications for the following types of grant programs: library automation, Internet access, preservation of library collections, services to special populations, literacy, collection development, providing Internet training for patrons, etc. Librarians selected to read applications for a grant program can not have submitted an application for that year's program. Readers serving on evaluation panels attend two meetings in Trenton, NJ. at the State Library. At the first meeting they receive training concerning the intent of the grant program and scoring of the application. At the second meeting they meet with the other readers on the panel and discuss the scores that they have independently assigned to each application. If you are interested in participating, please send me a letter, fax or e-mail (ebreedlove@njstatelib.org) that includes your name, institution, position, phone number, field of expertise and the grant program(s) or subject area(s) that you would be interested in reading.

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LIBRARY GRANT PROGRAMS CHECKLIST

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Library: _____

Address: _____

<u>Grant Program</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
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