



SCRLC Advisory Committee on Information Technology and Services
Monday, February 7, 2022 1:00 PM; Zoom
Notes

Present: Liz Hicks (Northeast College of Health Sciences), Susanna Van Sant (TC3), Peter McCracken (Cornell), Doyin Adenuga (Houghton), Erika Jenns (STLS), Mary Ann Munroe (GST BOCES), Claire Lovell (SCRLC), Mary-Carol Lindbloom (SCRLC)

2022-2023 Technology & Digitization Grant Applications

[\(Here is a link to the application.\)](#)

- Needed to change dates to reflect 2022-2023.
- Need to remove references to RBDB, because the program no longer exists. (The money was merged into the library councils' operating budgets.)
- However, we still want to offer the programs and services that the RBDB monies were used for (e.g., e-resources and digitization grants). It might make sense to still follow the guidelines that RBDB had for grants, though we have more latitude now and can be more flexible about the grant applications. For example, we could pay for shipping or mileage associated with grant projects.
- We'll no longer have guidelines from NYSL that we have to follow, but we might want to develop our own guidelines in the coming year. We removed the explicit limitations "not allowed by NY guidelines."
- The Committee discussed capping the amount at a lower rate. We expect to have less funding this year (around \$30,000) than last year (around \$50,000). Last year we received \$55,000 in requested funds, most of which was for newspaper digitization of microfilm sent to NNYLN. ACITS recommended lowering the individual project cap to \$6,000 and the collaborative project cap to \$10,000.
- Do we still want all of these same categories? Retrospective conversion projects are very rare now, so that separate category was removed.
- The Committee agreed on the changes, which will now go to the Board for approval.
- Mary-Carol will send the group a cleaned up version of the application without editing marks.

SCRLC Updates

- **ARPA**
 - We expected to hear back about the ARPA grants earlier, but we didn't get tentative approval until January 31.
 - Mary-Carol sent in the FS-10 forms to the state and is waiting to hear back. The FS-25 form will have to be sent next (once the state is ready to receive it—ours is ready to go).
 - In total the school library systems are getting \$58,635, so that money is being fronted by SCRLC.

- Public library systems can start working on their digital inclusion projects; 90% of their funding (the maximum that we can request until the final report) is included in the FS-25.
- Claire is working with 4 Museum/Library partnerships in addition to an intern for an SCRLC project.
- SCRLC is also doing a digital inclusion project called Digital Justice 4 Disability Justice. On June 15 we will host an online program with [Gaelynn Lea](#), a musician and disability rights advocate, which will wrap up our work on that project. Our community partner is the Finger Lakes Independence Center.

2021-2022 Objectives and Activities

- Mary-Carol will make sure the website is up-to-date for the 2021-2022 activities. "Update the Information Technology & Digitization Grant guidelines" will be added to the 2022-2023 objectives and activities.

NNLM Region 7 Grant

- The National Network of Libraries of Medicine changed their regional makeup, which moved New York to Region 7. There was money left over, so each of the ESLN Councils will receive \$10,653 for technology. We'll all have to write an application describing how the funding will be spent, and the money will need to be expended by April 30, 2022. We are currently planning on providing circulating kits to public libraries/systems containing hotspots, Chromebooks, headsets, etc. for patrons for telehealth appointments at home.

Programming ideas? Please let Claire or Mary-Carol know your ideas.

2022 Meetings

- Next meeting is tentatively Friday, May 13 at 10 am.

Notes taken by Claire.