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Honorable Members in Session

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR LSCA FUNDS FOR CONTINUATION OF MOUNTAIN-VALLEY LIBRARY SYSTEM INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK - AUTOMATION

SUMMARY

The City-County Librarian requests authorization to apply for and accept federal funding for the 1982/83 fiscal year, under the Library Services and Construction Act (LSCA), for the continuation and expansion of the Information and Communication Network of the Mountain-Valley Library System.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Mountain-Valley Library System is a consortium of independent city, county, college, university and special libraries who have joined to form a cooperative network, serving a nine-county area of 11,341 square miles and 1,302,679 people. The System has grown from seven public libraries in five counties to twenty public, university, college, school and special libraries within the nine-county area.

The 1982/83 project will request LSCA funds to continue the retrospective conversion of all members' catalogs to machine readable form. This project, begun in 1981/82 with LSCA funds, will provide information concerning the location and availability of library materials in MVLS libraries and increase the ease and speed of interlibrary loans. The project also requests funds to continue the demonstration of the utility of having a System-level Systems Analyst to provide in-depth assistance to member libraries in analyzing and solving problems. Total LSCA money requested for the continuation of the project in 1982/83 is \$113,300.

FINANCIAL DATA

The Mountain-Valley Library System is funded under the Federal Library Services and Construction Act and the California Library Services Act.

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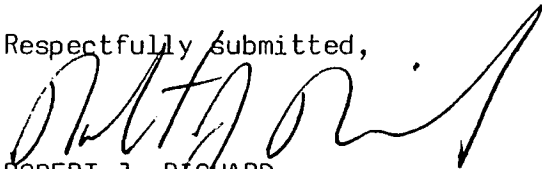
The City of Sacramento, as fiscal agent for the System, administers funds received pursuant to the subsequent standard agreement between the Department of Education, the State Library and the City of Sacramento. In accordance with procedures established by the California State Library, August 1976, no amount of funding may be specified in the resolution requested; the individual authorized to make the application, in this instance the City-County Librarian, will have the added responsibility of notifying the governing body of the amount awarded.

There is no obligation on the part of the City of Sacramento to participate in any recommended programs or to continue personnel employed with the project funds after these funds have been expended.

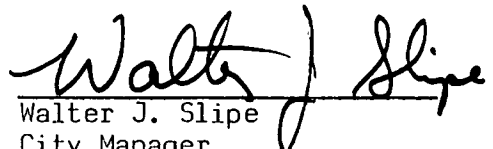
RECOMMENDATION

It is therefore recommended that your Council approve the attached resolution authorizing the City-County Librarian to apply for and accept funding for the continuation of the Mountain-Valley Library System Information and Communications Network for Fiscal Year 1982/83 under the Library Services and Construction Act.

Respectfully submitted,


ROBERT J. RICHARD
City-County Librarian

APPROVAL RECOMMENDED:


Walter J. Slipe
City Manager

cc: Department of Finance, Library Department

MOUNTAIN-VALLEY LIBRARY SYSTEM

INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK - AUTOMATION

This project will test the theory that all libraries at some time need the assistance of a Systems Analyst but most libraries do not need one at all times; thus a cooperatively-funded position, providing more indepth assistance than can be obtained via a short-term consultant, may be an effective System-level function. Automation is not, by any means, the miracle answer to all library resource sharing activities. This demonstration will emphasize a combination of automated and non-automated solutions to problems which must be overcome to advance the System's cooperative goal. The objective and activities of this project indicate the methods by which it is hoped that this demonstration can provide new, better and more cost effective methods of working to achieve this goal.

OBJECTIVES:

Demonstrate the advisability of member support of a System-Level Systems Analyst position by assisting 3 MVLS librarians in implementing the automated circ. system recommendations developed during 81/82 to achieve a 20% decrease in costs; assisting other members onsite in interfacing with implemented auto circ. systems in order to achieve at least 30% decrease in costs of independent development; completing the 2nd year of a 3-year retro conversion; convert an additional 520,000 records of the total 800,000; assisting 3-5 additional members onsite with indepth problem analysis, solution design and implementation where costs of assistance should be offset at least 50% by cost reductions of new design. Problems will include: investigation of possibilities of use of a microcomputer to provide catalog info to remote branches; investigation of alternatives to a card catalog; assist in review of system-wide ILL procedures; review System Communications and Delivery methods.

STATEWIDE BENEFITS:

- 1) Demonstration of a position of potential use in other Systems statewide.
- 2) Test/"debug" new, Calif.-based online data base system.
- 3) Demonstrate optimal file sizes for conversion projects.
- 4) Demonstrate effectiveness of concept of using combination of online and off-line data files.
- 5) Assist in examining impact of this new system on CLSA Data Base efforts.
- 6) Demonstrate effectiveness, given today's technology, of library conversions into limited-data nonMARC records.
- 7) Demonstrate the advisability of use of this system as an ILL network, replacement for System TWX/teletype, and true online union catalog.
- 8) Demonstrate the advantages and disadvantages of a cooperative, multi-type library conversion effort.

TRAINING:

Analyst responsible for advising members on training requirements for systems he assists in implementing and for training one staff member in each library to be able to continue the activities when the analyst is no longer assisting on the particular functions.

EVALUATION:

Based partly on how well the cost reductions stated in the objectives are achieved. In addition a qualitative evaluation by members will be performed. Finally, the project will be evaluated on the members' willingness and ability to pay for the position (i.e. 20% in 82/83; 43% in 83/84, and 100% in 84/85).

RESOLUTION NO. 81-914

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL ON DATE OF

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY-COUNTY LIBRARIAN TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT A FEDERAL GRANT ON BEHALF OF THE MOUNTAIN-VALLEY LIBRARY SYSTEM UNDER THE LIBRARY SERVICES AND CONSTRUCTION ACT.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO:

1. The City of Sacramento, as fiscal agent of the Mountain Valley Library System, hereby authorizes the City-County Librarian to apply for and accept federal funding for the 1982-83 fiscal year under the Library Services and Construction Act, for continuation and expansion of the Information and Communications Network - Automation.

2. The City-County Librarian is hereby authorized to sign subsequent agreements for the approved grant award.

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ATTEST:

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