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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR RESOLUTION APPROVINGO THE FAPPLITIONATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF LSCA FUNDING FOR ON-LINE CATALOGING FERMINAL AND PRINTER AND CREATION OF A FULL ON-LINE BIBLIOGRAPHICAL DATABASE

## SUMMARY

The City County Librarian requests authorization to apply for and accept federal funding for the 1980-81 fiscal year under the Library Services and Construction Act (LSCA) for on-line cataloging terminal and printer and for the creation of a full on-line bibliographical database. LSCA provides funds to encourage and stimulate interlibrary cooperation and library development. LSCA is administered in the State of California by the State Librarian, California State Library.

#### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Sacramento Public Library (SPL) is comprised of an affiliation between the Sacramento County Library and the Sacramento City Library. The unified system is comprised of an administrative headquarters, Central Library and twentysix regional, community and neighborhood branches as well as three mobile units. SPL provides a book collection of a million cataloged volumes plus another two million uncataloged items to its patrons. In addition, it is the major book collection and interlibrary loan source of the Tri System of Northern California serving twenty-seven counties. This system is comprised of the Mountain Valley Library System - of which SPL is a member, the North Bay Cooperative Library System and the North State Cooperative Library System.

All records of cataloged books are presently accessible to patrons of SPL via a COM (computer output microfilm) Catalog; copies of SPL's COM Catalog are also used at six other public libraries in the Mountain Valley Library System (MVLS) and in two of the Sacramento community college libraries. With an online catalog and on-line cataloging capabilities, the annual input of catalog records to the COM Catalog will double -- a critical consideration in light of post-Proposition 13 workload compression as it relates to operations within the Technical Services Unit.

Currently, a protracted manual cataloging procedure results in the cataloging of 80% of titles acquired annually; subsequently, this will result in a 20% buildup of uncataloged titles. High demand patron materials are given first priority for cataloging with backup research materials cataloged as time/staff allow.

Increased cataloging capabilities will also allow cataloging of periodicals, audiovisual media; federal, state and local government documents and Special Collection materials, enhancing the quality of cataloging service to patrons.

# BACKGROUND INFORMATION (continued)

The on-line cataloging terminal and printer and the creation of a full, on-line bibliographical data base will ultimately provide on-line catalog access to all SPL patrons, to non-SPL outlets desirous of access to the collections and could conceivably include not only MVLS public libraries and Sacramento community colleges, but also school systems and other educational institutions such as museums, public agencies, service institutions, etc..

#### FINANCIAL DATA

SPL is a jointly administered but separately funded Sacramento City Library and Sacramento County Library. The grant, if approved will be administered by the City of Sacramento as Fiscal Agent. 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 authroized to make the application, in this instance, the City/County Librarian, will have the added responsibility of notifying the governing bodies of the amount awarded.

SPL will provide "services in kind", which consists of all staff necessary for the project; staff presently devoted to batch-process input to the present COM Catalog will be reassigned to on-line input procedures. Estimates of ongoing costs are being provided by vendors. Current estimates for this prototype service indicate that maintenance and operation expenses can be offset by existing costs related to batch-process servicing.

# RECOMMENDATION

It is therefore recommended that the attached resolution be approved, authorizing the City/County Librarian to apply for and accept project funding for the on-line cataloging terminal and printer and the creation of a full on-line bibliographical database under LSCA.

The resolutionmust be on file before the submission of the CONSOLIDATED APPLICATION GRANT AWARD CERTIFICATION, January 14, 1980.

Respectfully submitted,

H. D. Martelle, Jr. City/County Librarian

APPROVAL RECOMMENDED:

W. J. Slipe City Manager

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cc: Library Department, Department of Finance

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Such a facility will also allow Mountain Valley System libraries an on-line search of Sacramento's holdings preparatory to creating their own databases, a project to which they are committed in preparation for System-wide automated circulation.

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A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY-COUNTY LIBRARIAN TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT A FEDERAL GRANT ON BEHALF OF THE SACRAMENTO CITY-COUNTY 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 Sacramento City Library, hereby authorizes the City-County Librarian to apply for and accept federal funding for 1980-81 fiscal year under the Library Services and Construction Act, for on-line cataloging terminal and printer and creation of on-line bibliographical database.
- 2. The City-County Librarian is hereby authorized to sign subsequent agreements for approved grant awards.

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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF LSCA FUNDING FOR ON-LINE SUBJECT INDEX TO SACRAMENTO NEWSPAPERS

#### SUMMARY

The City/County Librarian requests authorization to apply for and accept federal funding for the 1980-81 Fiscal Year under the Library Services and Construction Act (LSCA) for an on-line subject index to Sacramento newspapers. LSCA provides funds to encourage and stimulate interlibrary cooperation and is administered in the State of California by the State Librarian, California State Library.

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Sacramento Public Library (SPL) is comprised of an affiliation between the Sacramento County Library and the Sacramento City Library. The unified system is comprised of an administrative headquarters, Central Library and twenty-six regional, community and neighborhood branches and three mobile units. The Central Library houses and maintains one of the four major public library collections in California. Access to reference and special collections holdings is made possible through files, indexes and catalogs, generated and maintained by staff; one of the most useful and most prolific of these tools is the "Subject Index to Sacramento Newspapers." At present, the internally and manually produced index is on 3x5 cards covering periods 1905-1937 and 1974 to present. A clipping file represents the period 1937-73. Indexing, however, is limited to events and personalities relevant to Sacramento City/ County and is available only at the Central Library.

The proposed machine-readable, on-line index will be expanded to include news articles related to state government, state officials and legislation. At this time, there is no computer based index to local news generated in a California Library; there is no California library with on-line retrieval reference service for local news, nor is there any printed subject index to state government news available within one month or less of publication.

Information about local events, both current and retrospective, for genealogists, librarians, historians and other researchers, frequently can only be provided by local newspapers. In Sacramento, there are two continuously published daily newspapers, the Sacramento UNION, dating from 1851 and the Sacramento BEE, dating from 1857. With the exception of the period 1854-1864 (UNION)- available in bound copies, the BEE and UNION have been microfilmed and are available for public use. Unfortunately, there is no complete index to their contents.

# BACKGROUND INFORMATION (continued)

As the political center for the State of California and the focal point of early western history, a complete newspaper index is essential if the Central Library is to continue to serve as a major reference center. The on-line subject index will be a notable step toward making the collections of a regional resource library accessible to the greatest number of people.

# FUNDING

The grant, if approved, will be administered by the City of Sacramento as Fiscal Agent. 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, in this instance the City/County Librarian, will have the added responsibility of notifying the governing bodies of the amount awarded.

This proposal includes funding to provide additional personnel required to implement the project to be employed either on a contractual basis or as limited term employees. It is expected that the estimated costs for maintenance and supplies will be offset by the elimination of the need to purchase materials utilized in the current system.

## RECOMMENDATION

It is therefore recommended that the attached resolution be approved authorizing the City/County Librarian to apply for and accept LSCA project funding for the on-line subject index to Sacramento newspapers. This resolution must be on file before the submission of the CONSOLIDATED APPLICATION GRANT AWARD CERTIFICATION, January 14, 1980.

Respectfully submitted,

H. D. Martelle, Jr. City/County Librarian

APPROVAL RECOMMENDED:

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A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY-COUNTY LIBRARIAN TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT A FEDERAL GRAINT ON BEHALF OF THE SACRAMENTO CITY-COUNTY 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 Sacramento City Library, hereby authorizes the City-County Librarian to apply for and accept federal funding for 1980-81 fiscal year under the Library Services and Construction Act, for online subject index to Sacramento newspapers.
- 2. The City-County Librarian is hereby authorized to sign subsequent agreements for approved grant awards.

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