

Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library System

State Aid Budget Application - 2007-2008

CentralBookAid

2.15 **Budget Narrative:** Provide a brief narrative, no more than five hundred (500) words, explaining how expenditures in the proposed budget application attain the goals and intended results described in the system's approved Five-Year Plan of Service for the funding year.

CBA/CLDA funds are being used to meet the reference and information needs of the residents of the City of Plattsburgh and the counties that comprise the Clinton Essex Franklin Library System. The Plattsburgh Public Library maintains a professional reference and adult services staff that is available to handle reference questions or material requests from patrons or member libraries all hours that the library is open. PPL purchases databases that can be accessed by member libraries and patrons. A toll free number is maintained to allow patrons and member libraries to access PPL from remote areas.

The professional staff selects adult non-fiction materials which are purchased with Central Book Aid funds and are available for inter library loan to system patrons. Plattsburgh Public Library will collaborate with CEFLS staff and member libraries to create the Cooperative Collection Development policy for non-fiction materials starting with an evaluation of system wide holdings. PPL will also solicit input from member libraries on areas for purchase. Electronic resources have been purchased to replace some traditional print resources. These will be publicized to member librarians and training will be offered.

Funds also support technology to allow access to databases.