

Nioga 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.

The Niagara Falls Public Library is the Central Library for the Nioga Library System. The Central Library goal is to provide reference and information services to the member libraries and their patrons.

Central Library Development Aid Grant 2007: \$105,000 (two full time Librarians are paid from the Grant)

Central Library Book Aid 2007: \$71,500 (\$57,600) for electronic resources and \$13,900 for adult non-fiction materials) which enhances the resource sharing goals of the system and services to the member libraries.

The funding included in the budget will enable the Niagara Falls Public Library to continue as one source of information services for the Nioga Library System, fulfilling its role as the System's Central Library as per the Plan of Service for the Nioga Library System. The 2007 budget was developed with input from the members of the System Advisory Committee.

Intended results include but are not limited to, continuing education and training objective, the Central Library Staff will conduct two workshops a year for the member libraries.

An important component of the intended result is the Central Library Program subscription to a mix of online databases at a cost of approximately \$57,600 which will be paid for by Central Book Aid funds. Resource sharing and collaborative purchasing of these databases will bring hundreds of periodicals and other full text documents to the fingertips of patrons in member libraries or in their homes. The databases are made available to all member libraries, and many of the resources are accessible directly by patrons from their homes. These databases are supplemented by approximately \$13,900 in CBA funds that will be used to purchase non-fiction books.

The Central Library Development Grant funds (\$105,000) and local funds will be used to support activities in three major operational areas: Interlibrary Loan Services, Reference and Information Service and the availability of Collection. The collection will be developed and made available for use both on the premise and through direct loan by any patron from a library that is a member of the System. In order to support Nioga's resource sharing goals, a major priority is the staff initiated interlibrary loans and fulfillment of loans submitted directly online by patron via the online system.

The tremendous advantage that member libraries derive from use of the Central Book Aid funding for a variety of online databases will also continue to be supported as outlined in our resource sharing goals.

Reference and Informational Services will be provided to patrons from both our chartered service area and from System member libraries. These services are also provided directly to the professional and other staff from member libraries and the System via telephone, fax and email. The Central Library will absorb the cost of a toll free telephone service that member libraries use to contact the Reference Department of the Central Library.

Evaluation of services provided by the Central Library will be tracked, monitored and surveyed. The survey will be from the member libraries and our patrons.