
**SEMINOLE COUNTY GOVERNMENT
AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

SUBJECT: Public Library Innovation Program - Grant Application

DEPARTMENT: Fiscal Services

DIVISION: Administration - Fiscal Services

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MOTION/RECOMMENDATION:

Approve to submit an application to the International City/County Management Association requesting an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00 in grant funds through their Public Library Innovation Program, and authorize the County Manager to execute any supporting documents.

County-wide

Jennifer Bero, Jane Peterson

BACKGROUND:

The International City/County Management Association (ICMA) is offering funds through their Public Library Innovation Grant Program to support partnerships between communities and libraries. Identified priority areas are those where public libraries could play a larger role in delivering services such as access to technology; public safety and disaster preparedness; sustainability; health; immigration; civic engagement; and economic development.

Staff is interested in pursuing the grant for e-government outreach efforts. If awarded, funds would be used to allow for an outreach librarian to travel to clubs, community centers, shelters, and other organizations to distribute information on e-government processes impacting citizens of Seminole County. The librarian would also train staff members and serving customers online and in classroom/workshop settings.

The proposed application would request an amount not to exceed \$60,000. There is no match requirement; however, in-kind services are recommended and would be reflected in the application.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Board approve to submit an application to the International City/County Management Association requesting up to \$60,000.00 in grant funds through their Public Library Innovation Program, and authorize the County Manager to execute any supporting documents.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Project Summary

Additionally Reviewed By: No additional reviews

**GRANT PROPOSAL REVIEW FORM – ABSTRACT
GRANTS ADMINISTRATION DIVISION**

FUNDER: International City/County Management Association (ICMA)

DATE DUE: January 9, 2009

PROJECT TITLE: e-Government Outreach

DEPARTMENT: Library Services

PROJECT MANAGER: Ginny Howerton, Library Resources Manager

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Seminole County Library Services experiences vast requests for information from the citizens. Much of the information, forms, etc., sought can be found on the World Wide Web, either on the county's website or that of other organizations. Library Services seeks to collaborate with other county departments and outside agencies in an outreach effort to provide citizens with the understanding of what information is available on the web and the tools to search for the information. An e-government librarian would coordinate the effort; training library staff, helping citizens online and serve as a liaison with Federal, State, and other agencies seeking to distribute information the general public.

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED: TBD – Up to \$60,000

MATCHING FUNDS (IF APPLICABLE): In-Kind Services Only

SOURCES OF MATCH: Adopted budget for Library Services

TOTAL PROJECT COST: TBD – Up to \$60,000

THIS PROPOSAL IS A:

- NEW GRANT CONTINUATION GRANT SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT

GRANT FUNDING IS:

- COMPETITIVE ENTITLEMENT CONTRACT