

Agency 34 - Nebraska Library Commission

Statutory Authority:

The Nebraska Library Commission's statutory authority is set forth under Article 4, Chapter 51 of Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1999. In addition to the powers granted in Chapter 51, state statutes provide that the Commission is the state agency designated to receive federal library program funds appropriated through the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA). Information on the LSTA Act may be viewed on the Institute of Museum and Library Services Web site (<http://www.ims.gov/>).

Vision Statement:

Mission Statement:

The mission of the Nebraska Library Commission is statewide promotion, development, and coordination of library and information services. As the state library agency, the Commission is an advocate for the library and information service needs of all Nebraskans.

Goals:

1. Nebraska library personnel will have the knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary to provide quality library and information services for all Nebraskans.
2. All Nebraskans will have improved access to enhanced library and information services.
3. Nebraska libraries will have appropriate technology to access and deliver online library and information services.
4. Eligible Nebraskans will have access to Talking Book and Braille Services.
5. Improve the operations, facilities and resources of the Nebraska Library Commission to achieve agency goals 1-4.

Financial Data:

	Actual FY02	Approp FY03	Request FY04	Recom FY04	Request FY05	Recom FY05
General Fund	3,637,562	3,605,773	3,628,987	3,307,060	3,628,987	3,352,871
Cash Fund	78,582	136,387	95,000	96,694	95,000	97,714
Federal Fund	1,054,486	1,123,702	1,124,046	1,136,273	1,124,046	1,144,839
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Agency	4,770,630	4,865,862	4,848,033	4,540,027	4,848,033	4,595,424

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Program 252 - Statewide Library & Information Services

Program Objectives:

Program 252: Statewide Library and Information Services consists of the following components: Agency Support services, Library Development services, Network services, Reference and Information services, and Talking Book and Braille services.

Goals, activities and evaluation measures for the Nebraska Library Commission are identified in the NLC's long range plan "Making a Difference @your library: Nebraska Library Services and Technology Act Plan for Library and Information Services 2003-2007" which may be viewed at <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/mission/1staplan/2003-2007planindex.html>.

Specific activities for each of the goals of the Nebraska Library Commission are enumerated in the "Supporting Information" section.

Financial Data:

	Actual FY02	Approp FY03	Request FY04	Recom FY04	Request FY05	Recom FY05
General Fund	2,181,953	2,213,621	2,236,835	2,054,123	2,236,835	2,099,934
Cash Fund	78,582	136,387	95,000	96,694	95,000	97,714
Federal Fund	492,248	577,459	577,803	590,030	577,803	598,596
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	2,752,783	2,927,467	2,909,638	2,740,847	2,909,638	2,796,244

Performance Measures:

The following performance measures were selected as highlights of NLC activities during the past two years (fiscal years 2001 and 2002). Complete outcomes are outlined in the "Supporting Information" section.

1. The Library Commission assisted Nebraska public libraries in applying for discounts through the Universal Service Fund (<http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/erate/universal.html>). In FY 2001, 100 libraries received a total of \$195,214 in e-rate discounts. In the first wave of FY 2002, 62 Nebraska libraries have been awarded \$125,239 in e-rate discounts.
2. In FY2001, 38 Nebraska public and institutional libraries were awarded \$243,486 in LSTA funds for technology and other projects. In FY 2002, \$263,646 in LSTA grants was awarded to 47 Nebraska libraries. (<http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/nsf/lsta.html>)
3. The Library Commission subscribes to a package of electronic databases for libraries. Some 836 libraries of all types (public, school, academic, and special) have signed up to participate in this service. The Library Commission also negotiates contracts for statewide purchase of electronic databases on behalf of Nebraska libraries. In FY2001, 228 public, academic, school and special libraries subscribed to 37 databases; in FY2002, 223 libraries of all types subscribed to 94 databases.
4. During FY2001, the Talking Book and Braille Service circulated a total of 179,133 recorded books, magazines and videos; and 173,779 such items in FY2002.
5. Twenty talking books and 146 magazines were recorded in Library Commission studios in FY2001, and 22 books and 146 magazines in FY2002.
6. Library Commission reference staff answered a total of 8,121 reference questions and filled 11,572 interlibrary loans for Nebraska libraries in FY2001 and FY2002.

Agency 34 - Nebraska Library Commission Program 302 - Government Aid

Program Objectives:

The Government Aid Program provides state and federal aid funds to improve local library services by increasing access to library service through expansion of library service units, encouraging cooperation and partnerships among all types of libraries, and strengthening the operations, facilities, and resources of libraries. The major Aid packages are Nebraska Lender Compensation, Public Library Aid, Public Library Technology, Regional Library Systems, Statewide Electronic Databases, Professional Development Grants, and Children and Youth Services Grants. A more detailed description of each Aid package is included in the "Supporting Information" section of this narrative.

Financial Data:

	Actual FY02	Approp FY03	Request FY04	Recom FY04	Request FY05	Recom FY05
General Fund	1,455,609	1,392,152	1,392,152	1,252,937	1,392,152	1,252,937
Cash Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Fund	562,238	546,243	546,243	546,243	546,243	546,243
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	2,017,847	1,938,395	1,938,395	1,799,180	1,938,395	1,799,180

Performance Measures:

Performance measures for the major aid packages, Nebraska Lender Compensation, Public Library Aid, Public Library Technology, Regional Library Systems, Statewide Electronic Databases, Professional Development Grants, and Children and Youth Services Grants, are provided in the "Supporting Information" section of this narrative.

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