

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:

Vision -- Affordable, reliable, progressive, and equitable library service for all Nebraskans regardless of their economic status and geographic location.

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; and,
- 5) Improve the operations, facilities and resources of the Nebraska Library Commission to achieve agency goals 1-4.

Financial Data:

	Actual FY04	Approp FY05	Request FY06	Recom FY06	Request FY07	Recom FY07
General Fund	3,346,443	3,429,537	4,314,253	3,493,591	4,314,253	3,562,281
Cash Fund	70,273	95,008	95,008	97,053	95,008	98,719
Federal Fund	907,217	1,124,097	1,262,424	1,274,481	1,262,424	1,283,714
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Agency	4,322,933	4,648,642	5,671,685	4,865,125	5,671,685	4,944,714

Agency 34 - Nebraska Library Commission 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>.

Financial Data:

	Actual FY04	Approp FY05	Request FY06	Recom FY06	Request FY07	Recom FY07
General Fund	2,143,313	2,182,865	2,257,581	2,245,214	2,257,581	2,312,017
Cash Fund	70,273	95,008	95,008	97,053	95,008	98,719
Federal Fund	417,358	577,854	577,854	589,911	577,854	599,144
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	2,630,944	2,855,727	2,930,443	2,932,178	2,930,443	3,009,880

Performance Measures:

The following performance measures were selected as highlights of NLC activities during the past two years (fiscal years 2003 and 2004):

- 1) The Library Commission assisted Nebraska public libraries in applying for telecommunication services discounts through the Universal Service Fund (<http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/erate/universal.html>). In FY 2003, 123 libraries received a total of \$305,615 in E-rate discounts;
- 2) During FY2003, the Talking Book and Braille Service circulated a total of 177,992 recorded books, magazines and videos; and 179,949 such items in FY2004;
- 3) 18 talking books and 148 magazines were recorded in Library Commission studios in FY2004, and 34 books and 148 magazines in FY2003;
- 4) Library Commission reference staff answered a total of 15,641 reference questions and filled 9,719 interlibrary loans for Nebraska libraries in FY2004. The number of Electronic Library hits grew to 471,234; and,
- 5) NEBASE staff provided support for online products and services to 146 Nebraska library members of the Online Computer Library Center (OCLC).

Agency 34 - Nebraska Library Commission Program 302 - Government Aid

Program Objectives:

The Government Aid Program provides state and federal Library Services and Technology Act 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 FY04	Approp FY05	Request FY06	Recom FY06	Request FY07	Recom FY07
General Fund	1,202,130	1,246,672	2,056,672	1,248,377	2,066,672	1,250,264
Cash Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Fund	489,859	546,243	684,570	684,570	684,570	684,570
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1,691,989	1,792,915	2,741,242	1,932,947	2,741,242	1,934,834

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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