

Agency 34 - Nebraska Library Commission

Statutory Authority:

The Nebraska Library Commission was created by the Nebraska Legislature in 1901. Its organization and duties are set forth under Chapter 51, Article 4, Sections 401-418 of the REVISED STATUTES OF NEBRASKA, 1984, REISSUE OF 1978. (To view on the NLC web site see <[http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/liblaws/chap51.html #51-401](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/liblaws/chap51.html#51-401)>. The Library Commission also serves as the state library administrative agency for federal funds received under the Library Services and Technology Act 1996, Public Law 104-208. (Information on the LSTA Act may be viewed on the Institute of Museum and Library Services site <<http://www.imls.fed.us/mlsa.html>>.)

Vision Statement:

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

SOURCE: The Nebraska Library Commission's complete long range plan, "Libraries for the 21st Century: Nebraska Library Commission Library Services and Technology Act Five Year Plan" (October 1, 1997 - September 30, 2002), is available to the public on the agency website at <<http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/mission/lsta.html>>.

Mission Statement:

The mission of the Nebraska Library Commission (NLC) 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. The Nebraska Library Commission strives to increase access to resources and services for all Nebraskans regardless of economic status, geographic location, gender, age, literacy level, ethnicity, physical or mental disability, or other relevant factors.

Goals:

1. Nebraskans will have access to statewide library and information services regardless of format or location.
2. New and innovative library service arrangements will be encouraged to provide efficient access to library and information services for Nebraskans.
3. Nebraskans will have access to information technology through library and information centers.
4. Nebraskans will be served by library staff with the knowledge and expertise to link them with the highest quality library and information services.
5. All Nebraskans will have access to library and information services including persons with diverse geographic, cultural, and socioeconomic backgrounds; with disabilities; with limited functional literacy or information skills; having difficulty using a library; representing underserved urban and rural communities (including children from families with incomes below the poverty line).
6. Improve the operations, facilities and resources of the NLC.

Financial Data:

	Actual FY98	Approp FY99	Request FY00	Recom FY00	Request FY01	Recom FY01
General Fund	2,791,312	3,289,155	8,372,582	3,400,553	8,327,582	3,429,725
Cash Fund	115,604	136,387	136,387	138,658	136,387	141,720
Federal Fund	930,826	988,564	1,053,246	1,064,883	1,053,246	1,079,052
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Agency	3,837,742	4,414,106	9,562,215	4,604,094	9,517,215	4,650,497

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Program 252 - Statewide Library & Information Services

Program Objectives:

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 agency long range plan "Libraries for the 21st Century: Library Services and Technology Act Five Year Plan" (October 1, 1997 - September 30, 2002) which may be requested from the Library Commission or viewed on the World Wide Web at <<http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/mission/lsta.html>>.

Financial Data:

	Actual FY98	Approp FY99	Request FY00	Recom FY00	Request FY01	Recom FY01
General Fund	1,941,389	2,026,901	2,110,328	2,138,299	2,065,328	2,167,471
Cash Fund	115,604	136,387	136,387	138,658	136,387	141,720
Federal Fund	475,566	502,003	502,003	513,640	502,003	527,809
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Agency	2,532,559	2,665,291	2,748,718	2,790,597	2,703,718	2,837,000

Performance Measures:

The following performance measures were selected as highlights of NLC activities during the past two years.

1. Over 560 public, school, academic and special libraries signed up for free access to electronic databases provided through new state funding and contracted for through the NLC.
2. The Library Commission assisted over 100 Nebraska public libraries in applying for telecommunications discounts through the Universal Service Fund (a provision of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996), and hosts a website with erate-related information (see <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/nsf/telecommunications.html>).
3. Thousands of dollars in grant awards were made to Nebraska public libraries for technology and library construction.
4. Library Commission and regional library system staff consulted with townships dealing with the effects of property tax legislation; and with communities forming new library service arrangements.

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 Aid to Public Libraries, Regional Library System Services, Urban Library System Services, Nebraska Lender Compensation, Public Library Construction and Technology Enhancement, and Statewide Electronic Databases.

Financial Data:

	Actual FY98	Approp FY99	Request FY00	Recom FY00	Request FY01	Recom FY01
General Fund	849,923	1,262,254	6,262,254	1,262,254	6,262,254	1,262,254
Cash Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Fund	455,260	486,561	551,243	551,243	551,243	551,243
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Agency	1,305,183	1,748,815	6,813,497	1,813,497	6,813,497	1,813,497

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