

LSTA ADVISORY PANEL

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LSTA Advisory Panel Review Meeting. The advisory panel makes funding recommendations on all grant applications submitted by organizations. The panel makes recommendations of funding amounts totaling up to the amount of grant authority allocated by the Florida Legislature in the General Appropriations Act.

Funding guidelines for each category:

- **Statewide.** Funding recommendations cannot be \$0, however recommendations do not have to be for full funding. The panel can also recommend revisions or changes to applications as a condition for funding. Statewide programs include regionally-administered training programs from the multitype library cooperatives. The panel cannot recommend more funding than is requested.
- **Competitive.** Funding recommendations can be from \$0 up to the full amount of the funding request. The panel can also recommend revisions or changes to applications as a condition for funding. The panel cannot recommend more funding than is requested.

When making funding recommendations, the panel reviews applications based on:

- The need for the project
- The benefits for the target audience
- The quality of planning for the project as demonstrated by the application

In addition, the following questions are addressed as the applications are assessed:

- Does the project address the goals and objectives of Florida's Library Services and Technology Act long-range plan?
- Has the need for the project been clearly and persuasively established?
- Does the application reflect thoughtful planning to help ensure a successful project?
- Are the outcomes or accomplishments of the project clear and achievable? Will they result in an improvement or change that can be evaluated, in library services or in the lives of people targeted by the project?
- Does the project reflect support from partnerships?
- Is the plan of action or work plan clearly stated, appropriate and reasonable?
- Are the budget and staffing appropriate, given the scope and anticipated outcomes of the project?

During the LSTA Advisory Panel review meeting, applicants will be given an opportunity to answer questions asked by members.