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To: Board of Trustees
From: Mary-Carol Lindbloom, Executive Director
Subject: RBDB Funding, 2009
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This year SCRLC received seven applications for RBDB 2009 funding, which meant that the outside review panel was convened. Their report is attached.

The complete budget for RBDB, 2009* is:

Activity	Institution	Amount
<i>Personnel</i>	SCRLC	14,000 (Hogan)
<i>Contracts</i>	SCRLC	4,000 (IT support)
<i>Databases</i>	SCRLC	65,206 (First Search Base/WilsonSelect 09/10) 49,268 (Newsbank 10/11) 39,585 (Gale LRC, 09/10 est.)
<i>Other</i>	SCRLC	2,650 (OCLC charges) 2,000 (Clarity Internet utilities 09) 15,000 Tools of History 09/10
<i>Member Grants</i>	Alfred University Cayuga-Onon SLS Cornell University SCRLC SUNY Delhi	2,370 Digitization of postcards 4,250 (Recon of Cato-Meridian Elementary) 8,731 (Digitization of student newspapers) 11,726 (Virtual Reference for members including Elmira C, NY Chiropractic, SUNY Cortland, Oneonta, Delhi, TC3, Ulysses PL, Wells C '09) 600
TOTAL		219,386

*based on full funding levels

South Central Regional Library Council Regional Automation Program: Applications for 2009 Funding.

Library/System	Project	Request	Recommended Funding	Review Panel Notes
South Central Research Library Council <i>Access, Content</i>	Regional resource sharing	Mgt \$ 35,000 DB \$156,709 Total \$191,709	\$35,000 \$156,709 \$191,709	Databases costs continue to increase and SCRLC will need to look carefully at this area.
Alfred University, Herrick Memorial Library	Digitization of 2,000 postcards of Alfred U	\$2,370	\$2,370	Reasonable request, solid project—fund at full amount.
Broome County Public Library	Digitization of 850+ glass plate negative slides of Frank Taylor Bowers	\$5,016	0	Move to Tools of History project for priority funding. Project is primarily for personnel. Collaborate with History Center? Maybe increase the amount of their award if they can take over some of the pieces for History Cent.
Cayuga-Onondaga BOCES School Library System	Recon-8,000 ubiquitous titles to MARC format for the Cato-Meridian Elementary School Lib.	\$4,250	\$4,250	Fund at full amount to get the last school in the system converted. Let's get it done!
Cornell University	Digitization of rare student magazines; also official publications	\$19,965	\$8,731	Will provide full-text scanning; one of the panelists wondered how metadata is done. Solid project but expensive. If there are left-over funds in the category, give them more.
History Center in Tompkins County	Digitization of 100 glass plate negatives from the Verne Morton Collection	\$6,260	0	Project is primarily for personnel. Collaborate with Broome County PL? Move to Tools of History for priority funding.
SUNY College of Technology at Delhi	Resource sharing document scanner	\$600	\$600	Good application; reasonable; not much discussion for this one.
SCRLC	AskAway 24/7 virtual ref on behalf of 8+ members	\$11,726	\$11,726	Good collaborative project benefiting many libraries/users.
Totals		\$241,896	\$219,386	

Board Approved Distribution:

Access/Resource Sharing	\$ 35,000	16% of total funds available
Electronic Resources	\$156,709	71% of total funds available
Member grants/info technology	\$ 27,677	13% of total funds available
TOTAL	\$219,386	100% of funds

Recommended Funding Summary:

General comments:

- Panel thought that the proposals were well-written.
- Panel felt that the SCLRC virtual reference proposal was well-placed in the member grants category. If SCRLC does not expend all of its funding for VR due to additional libraries joining, they recommended increasing funding to Cornell in a supplemental grant.
- The difference in per item costs in the digitization applications was noted.
- Panel wanted to see the two RBDB non-funded applications get priority through the Tools of History grant application process and suggested that the applicants not have to re-apply. They also suggested getting the two groups together to see if there were a way to collaborate and share expensive equipment.

Report from the Outside Review Panel for RBDB Applications for the year 2009

SCRLC Review Panel, December 5, 2008

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