

Rural Library Cooperative Technology Grant

As part of the ongoing response to recommendations of the recent Review of Public Libraries, Public Library Services Branch (PLSB) in partnership with “Building Manitoba” is making funds available for cooperative library technology projects. Goals of the Rural Library Cooperative Technology Grant include:

- Applying computer and communications technologies to advance library cooperation
- Achieving economies of scale through increased library cooperation
- Growing expertise within Manitoba’s library community
- “Seed funding” to stimulate broader technology infrastructure and development.

Project Selection Criteria

PLSB welcomes diverse proposals for enhanced library service, employing technology and library cooperation. Project applications will be evaluated according to following general criteria:

- Involves or promotes cooperation between rural Manitoba public libraries
- Cost and sustainability
- Applicability to recommendations of the recent Public Libraries Review
- Implementation timeframe
- Projected lifetime of the project
- Value to the larger library community as a whole
- Expandability beyond the currently participating libraries.

Application Instructions

Please complete the attached Rural Library Cooperative Technology Project Application, and submit to PLSB by **March 2nd, 2009**. Project narrative should include:

- General description of the current issue/problem
- Requirements of the project that will be addressed through the Grant
- Description of what the successful contractor will be required to do
- Expectations once the work is completed
- Proposed implementation schedule including milestones and deliverables
- Project budget including local / external funding sources, one-time / ongoing
- Additional information pertaining to technologies employed; case studies of successful implementations; and other relevant documentation

The “Sponsoring Municipality” refers to a single municipality selected by participating libraries, which will receive and direct the funds (as in the manner of the current Technology Sustainability Grant).

Projects may be funded wholly or in part, in accordance to the above criterion. Please address applications to:

Public Library Services Branch

300 – 1011 Rosser Ave.

Brandon MB R7A 0L5

Rural Library Cooperative Technology Project Application Form

**Lead Library
Name:**

Participating Libraries:

Purpose / Scope of Project

Provide / attach a narrative detailing the Project as per the accompanying Application Instructions:

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Requested funding amount: _____

Sponsoring Municipality: _____

Endorsement by a minimum of two participating library systems:

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| Library Board Chair | Print name _____ Signature _____ | Date | |
| Head Librarian | Print Name _____ Signature _____ | Date | |

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