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Hardware Grant
Information Session

State Library of Iowa
November 16, 2007

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Goal of the Grant

- Help libraries and their communities build long-term capacity for supporting free computer and Internet access in public libraries

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Purposes

- Improve public access to computers and the Internet by providing hardware upgrades to libraries
- Increase the percentage of libraries regularly upgrading their computers
- Motivate local governments to commit local funding to library computer services

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Gates Foundation Role

- Identified potential libraries using Gates poverty guidelines
- Reviewed these libraries' TechAtlas inventories
- Determined eligible libraries and the number of computers they would receive
- Established all grant requirements

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State Library Role

- Designated by the Gates Foundation to administer the grants for the eligible libraries
- Communicate with and answer questions from eligible libraries
- Work with libraries to see they meet all grant requirements

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Grant Overview

- Years 1 and 2 (also called "phases")
- Match
- Public Library Internet Survey
- Advocacy workshop
- Receiving the grant money
- Buying your computers
- TechAtlas

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Years 1 and 2

- Grant is divided into Years 1 and 2
- Libraries receiving only 1 computer must meet the Year 1 requirements
- Libraries receiving 2 or more computers must meet both Year 1 and 2 requirements

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Grant and match amounts

- See your award letter
- www.statelibraryofiowa.org/ld/hardware
- Contact Sandy Dixon or Gerry Rowland

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Match Requirements

- Year 1 match is 25%
- Year 2 match is 50%

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Why is there a match requirement?

- Help libraries sustain their technology
- Strengthen libraries' capacity to conduct advocacy and secure local funding
- Provide an incentive for libraries to engage the community to raise funds and communicate the value of technology in libraries

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Why is the match higher in Year 2?

- Emphasis is on "sustainability"
- Requiring a greater match the second year means the library will have to secure more local funding
- More local funding means the library will be able to sustain their public access computing for the long term

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What if I'm not able to obtain the required match?

- By not obtaining the match you are "opting out" of the grant
- In other words, you will not receive the grant

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Obtaining your match

- Local funding – city or county
- State funding – may use Direct State Aid toward your match – for the money you just received, you would need to arrange to carry it over to fiscal year 2009 (7/1/08 – 6/30/09) because you will be spending it in FY09
- Private funding – Friends, foundation, business

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Gates funding must supplement, not replace funding

- City cannot shift library funding to other city services because the library received the grant
- Library cannot shift technology line item to other line items because the library received the grant
- If violated, library will become ineligible

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Verifying your match

- Must send written documentation to the State Library
- Documentation is required from each funding source
- Deadline for Year 1 is March 31, 2008

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Acceptable match documentation

- City council or library board resolution committing funds
- Letter of commitment from a non-governmental resource such as foundation, business, Friends

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Internet Survey

- Deadline has been extended to November 25, 2007
- Contact Gerry Rowland if you have questions about completing the survey
- <http://survey.pnmi.com/>
- Complete both the Branch and System sections

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Advocacy Workshop

- March 3-5, 2008
- Embassy Suites, Des Moines
- Must bring at least 2 people
- Can bring up to 3 people
- Whom to bring: library director; member of library board, Foundation, Friends, city council, chamber of commerce, mayor
- Contact Michele Leininger

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Receiving the funding

- Assuming all requirements are met, you will receive the grant for Year 1 in July 2008
- Check will be from Bibliographical Center for Research (BCR), the State Library's fiscal agent

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Buying / installing your computers

- What you buy is up to you
- Be thinking about what your community needs
- May use the grant to buy Laptops
- The State Library will provide suggestions
- For Year 1, computers must be purchased and installed by September 30, 2008
- Contact Marie Harms

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Other 2008 deadlines

- Public Library Internet Survey by November 15, 2008
- Run TechAtlas after you install your computers and by November 30, 2008

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Contacts

- General questions – Sandy Dixon
- Questions about the Public Library Internet survey – Gerry Rowland
- Questions about the advocacy workshop – Michele Leininger
- Questions about what computer to buy – Marie Harms
