

Notice of Proposed Rule

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Division of Library and Information Services

RULE NO: RULE TITLE

1B-2.011: Library Grant Programs

PURPOSE AND EFFECT:

The purpose of this amendment is to modify the Library Cooperative Grant, the Library Services and Technology Act Grant, the State Aid to Libraries Grant, the Public Library Construction Grant, the Community Libraries in Caring Grant, the Florida Library Literacy Grant program, and the Community and Library Technology Access Partnership Grant program rules.

SUMMARY:

The Library Cooperative Grant program guidelines will be updated to reflect a change to the funding formula and allocation of counties, and to incorporate the Department of State's grant noncompliance policy. These revisions will also update requirements in the grant agreement.

The Library Services and Technology Act Grant program guidelines will be updated to require submission of applications in the electronic Florida Libraries and Grants system, describe the application components, and outline the revised evaluation criteria. These revisions will also update requirements in the grant agreement.

The State Aid to Libraries Grant program guidelines will be updated to require reporting by grant recipients on subsequent years' expenditure of grant funds, allow for the carryover of the balance

of any State Aid grant funds until expended and to incorporate the Department of State's grant noncompliance policy. These revisions will also update requirements in the grant agreement.

The Public Library Construction Grant program guidelines will be updated to incorporate the Department of State's grant noncompliance policy. These revisions will also update requirements in the grant agreement.

The Community Libraries in Caring Grant program guidelines will be updated to incorporate the Department of State's grant noncompliance policy. These revisions will also update requirements in the grant agreement.

This revision will repeal the Florida Library Literacy Grant program and the Community and Library Technology Access Partnership Grant program rules.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS: The agency has determined that this rule will not have an impact on small business. A SERC has not been prepared by the agency.

Any person who wishes to provide information regarding a statement of estimated regulatory costs, or provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative, must do so in writing within 21 days of this notice.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 257.14, 257.15, 257.191, 257,193 *F.S.*

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 257.16, 257.17, 257.171, 257.172, 257.18, 257.25, 257.191, 257.192, 257.193, 257.41, 257.42 *F.S.*

IF REQUESTED WITHIN 21 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE, A HEARING WILL BE HELD AT THE DATE, TIME, AND PLACE SHOWN BELOW (IF NOT REQUESTED, THIS HEARING WILL NOT BE HELD):

DATE AND TIME: February 21, 2012, 2pm – 4p.m

PLACE: Room 307, Division of Library and Information Services, R.A. Gray Building, 500 S. Bronough Street, Tallahassee, FL.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least five days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Marian Deeney, by mail at R.A. Gray Building, 500 South Bronough Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250, or by email at mdeeney@dos.state.fl.us. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 800.955.8771 (TDD) or 800.955.8770 (Voice).

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Marian Deeney, by mail at R.A. Gray Building, 500 South Bronough Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250, or by email at mdeeney@dos.state.fl.us.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE AND THE INCORPORATED FORMS ARE accessible via the Division of Library and Information Services webpage for proposed rules at: <http://info.florida.gov/bld/grants/AdminRuleChanges.html>, or is available by contacting the named person listed above.

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE: Marian Deeney

AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Judith A. Ring

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: December 21, 2011

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAW: October 14,
2011 and October 28, 2011.