

## Summary of Proposed Changes to Grant Rules

The Division of Library and Information Services is preparing to revise the program guidelines, application packets and grant agreements for the **Library Services and Technology Act Grant Program**, the **State Aid to Libraries Grant Program**, the **Library Construction Grant Program**, and the **Community Libraries in Caring Grant Program**.

This revision will also repeal the **Florida Library Literacy Grant Program** and the **Community and Library Technology Access Partnership Grant Program** sections in the *Florida Administrative Code* as these programs are no longer in effect.

The first step in the process was to announce our intention to revise the rule. This “Notice of Rule Development” was published on October 14, 2011, in the *Florida Administrative Weekly*. As part of this process, we have prepared drafts of the proposed changes to the grant rule text, grant packets and related documents. The proposed changes are located online at <http://info.florida.gov/bld/grants/AdminRuleChanges.html>. These changes are only proposed; they are not the final changes being incorporated into the rule revision process.

A summary of the changes follows:

### State Aid to Libraries Grant

- The Department of State's grant noncompliance policy will be incorporated to provide notice of the penalty that may be imposed if a grant recipient and/or its governing body fails to comply with contractual grant requirements for any grant from any Division of the Department of State.
- The grant agreement will be updated to reflect current requirements.

### Public Library Construction Grant

- The Department of State's grant noncompliance policy will be incorporated to provide notice of the penalty that may be imposed if a grant recipient and/or its governing body fails to comply with contractual grant requirements for any grant from any Division of the Department of State.
- The grant agreement will be updated to reflect current requirements.

### Community Libraries in Caring Grant

- The Department of State's grant noncompliance policy will be incorporated to provide notice of the penalty that may be imposed if a grant recipient and/or its governing body

fails to comply with contractual grant requirements for any grant from any Division of the Department of State.

- The grant agreement will be updated to reflect current requirements.

### **Library Services and Technology Act Grant**

- The Library Services and Technology Act Grant program guidelines will be updated to:
  - Require submission of applications and reports in the electronic Florida Libraries and Grants system.
  - Describe the types of grant projects funded by the program.
  - Describe the updated application components.
  - Detail the revised application evaluation criteria.
  - Provide updated grant administration information.
- The grant agreement will be updated to reflect current requirements.

If you have any comments or suggestions on these proposed changes, please send them to Marian Deeney, Library Program Administrator, at [Marian.Deeney@dos.myflorida.com](mailto:Marian.Deeney@dos.myflorida.com), or fax them to 850.245.6643. She is also available via telephone at 850.245.6620. Proposed changes or comments should be submitted no later than November 1, 2011.