

**Changes to Library Cooperative Grant Program Rules  
October 28, 2011**

The Division of Library and Information Services is preparing to revise the program guidelines, application packet and grant agreement for the **Library Cooperative Grant Program**.

The first step in the process was to announce our intention to revise the rule. This “Notice of Rule Development” was published on October 28, 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 packet and grant agreement. 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 to the Library Cooperative Grant program follows:

- The program will be updated to reflect changes to the allocation of counties and the funding formula.
- 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.

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 15, 2011.