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TO: Consortia Committee

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SUBJECT: FY 2020 RAILS financial support for consortia

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We have completed our review of the consortia applications for FY 2020 RAILS financial support and will discuss the allocation at our meeting on October 15.

Our support for consortia has evolved since 2014, thanks in large part to the work of this committee. We were able to reformulate a definition of LLSAP to be inclusive of all the organizations in RAILS doing the day-to-day, on-the-ground work of resource sharing. We have applied this new definition to our allocation of funding to consortia to make it inclusive, equitable, rational and transparent. The formula we are using is based on the actual work of resource sharing and is not based on history. It looks at key elements of consortial customer service (cataloging standards, UX improvements, etc.), numbers of interlibrary loan and reciprocal borrowing transactions, number of libraries served, and library funding/ability to pay consortial costs. Most importantly, our distribution of support is more equitable because we are distributing tax dollars more widely to more libraries.

We have also been able to increase the pot of money available by eliminating the fees for in-kind services to all consortia, except for personnel costs when consortial staff are employed by RAILS. Consortia get more dollars, and the funding allocation is simpler and more transparent.

I extend my thanks to all of our colleagues who have helped us to evolve our support to this point. I look forward to discussing this and other issues at the meeting.

RAILS LLSAP FY2020 Support Allocation

Support amount distributed through formula		**$500,000**		*Totals*		
Flat per-agency amount		**$1,750,000**		368.0	$1,750,000.00	
Total LLSAP Support		**$2,250,000**				

Support Allocation Formula

Category	Component	% Weighting	Total			
Resource sharing	ILL and reciprocal borrowing transactions	30.00%	$150,000.00	8,875,610	$150,000.00	
Category Total		*30.00%*				
Equity	Number of nonpublic circulating libraries with collection budgets under $10,000	30.00%	$150,000.00	48.0	$150,000.00	
Equity	Number of public circulating libraries with LLSAP annual fee as 3% or greater of library's (agency) total annual operating budget	30.00%	$150,000.00	81.0	$150,000.00	
Category Total		*60.00%*				
Bib quality	Cataloging standards implemented (y/n)	2.50%	$12,500.00	5.0	$12,500.00	
Bib quality	Centralized cataloging services (staff FTE)	2.50%	$12,500.00	12.50	$12,500.00	
Category Total		*5.00%*				
User centered	UX improvements (y/n)	2.50%	$12,500.00	5.00	$12,500.00	
User centered	Policy simplification (y/n)	2.50%	$12,500.00	5.00	$12,500.00	
Category Total		*5.00%*				
Totals		**100.00%**	**$500,000.00**		**$2,250,000.00**	

Support Allocations Per LLSAP

Component	CCS		Pinnacle		PrairieCat	
Per-agency flat amount	24.33	$115,702.87	6	$28,533.38	92.33	$439,081.23
ILL and RB transactions	2,172,111	$36,709.21	708,968	$11,981.73	1,538,819	$26,006.42
Nonpublic circ members <$10k collection budget	0	$0.00	0	$0.00	5	$15,625.00
Public circ members annual fee > or = 3% (publics)	4	$7,407.41	3	$5,555.56	37	$68,518.52
Cataloging standards (y/n)	1	$2,500.00	1	$2,500.00	1	$2,500.00
Centralized cataloging (staff FTE)	0	$0.00	0	$0.00	3	$3,000.00
UX (y/n)	1	$2,500.00	1	$2,500.00	1	$2,500.00
Policy simplification (y/n)	1	$2,500.00	1	$2,500.00	1	$2,500.00
Allocation	**7.44%**	**$167,319.49**	**2.38%**	**$53,570.67**	**24.88%**	**$559,731.16**

Component	RRLC		RSA		SWAN	
Per-agency flat amount	8	$38,044.51	146.33	$695,881.68	91	$432,756.32
ILL and RB transactions	13,633	$230.40	1,491,147	$25,200.75	2,950,932	$49,871.48
Nonpublic circ members <$10k collection budget	4	$12,500.00	38	$118,750.00	1	$3,125.00
Public circ members annual fee > or = 3% (publics)	0	$0.00	23	$42,592.59	14	$25,925.93
Cataloging standards (y/n)	0	$0.00	1	$2,500.00	1	$2,500.00
Centralized cataloging (staff FTE)	0	$0.00	4	$4,000.00	5.5	$5,500.00
UX (y/n)	0	$0.00	1	$2,500.00	1	$2,500.00
Policy simplification (y/n)	0	$0.00	1	$2,500.00	1	$2,500.00
Allocation	**2.26%**	**$50,774.91**	**39.73%**	**$893,925.03**	**23.32%**	**$524,678.73**