



Staff Report

Agenda Item: **Library Services And Technology Act (LSTA) Grant for Virtual Access Application** – Approval of submitting a Library Services and Technology Act Grant Application for Virtual Access through the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records.

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Meeting Date: February 23, 2010

Background: Arizona State Library, Archives, and Public Records accepts Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Grant Applications annually for various projects. This is a competitive grant which has three funding categories – centennial experiences, lifespan learning, and virtual access. Typical grant awards range from \$10,000 up to \$50,000. There is no minimum or maximum amount that can be requested as well as no match requirement. The application deadline is March 15, 2010.

This proposed project is for New Technologies under the Virtual Access category. This project will reflect a segment of the technical elements generated from the Clark Memorial Library's "Phase II" plan developed for the National Telecommunication and Information Administration (NTIA) for Greater Broadband Technology Operations grant application. Phase II was developed specifically in preparation for an expansion of the Library and services offered there.

The Yavapai Library District is scheduled to receive federal stimulus funding acquired from the first round of grant awards issued by the Greater Broadband Technology Operations Program to the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records. As a member of the Yavapai Library District we will receive a portion of the grant award in technical equipment and upgrades. Staff is currently working with the Yavapai Library District to develop a plan within the financial share that our library is entitled, the amount of which has not yet been determined. Discussions have included wireless internet service, laptops and software upgrades to the existing desktop computers.

This grant application and project will enhance the upgrades acquired through the Yavapai Library District and will assist the Town in accomplishing Phase II of the Clark Memorial Library.

Recommendation: Approval of submitting a Library Services and Technology Act Grant Application for Virtual Access through the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records.