

To: CARLI Board of Directors  
From: CARLI Collections Working Group  
Subject: Collections Enhancement Awards Program Review

The CARLI Collections Working Group saw an overall improvement in the proposals submitted during this year's awards cycle from those in previous years.

The CWG believes that the proposal writing workshops were a success and eliminated many of the problems that were noted with proposals received last year. However, the occasional contradictions between the institutional appendices with the main proposal concerned the group members.

Last year, the possibility of creating an online version of the proposal writing workshop was discussed, the CWG appreciates the idea of an online workshop on the proposal writing; however, the group feels that the in-person workshop allows the opportunity for each group to learn and understand the requirements of the program. Having multiple workshops in various locations in the state, and allowing any person (group member, colleague, or other) to represent each group hopefully eliminates any undue stress on an institution to participate in this program.

The Group also feels strongly that all material purchased must be available for interlibrary loan. Next year, the group felt that any proposal that mentions (in the institutional appendices or elsewhere) categories of materials that will not be loaned would not be funded. This year a strongly worded note about loaning all material type would be placed in the award letters sent to those that are funded.

Another concern raised by the CWG and reviewers was the need to shorten the time requirement for cataloging materials from the current requirement of six months.