



CARLI FY2009 COLLECTIONS ENHANCEMENT AWARDS PROGRAM

For FY2009, there are two awards programs within the CARLI Collections Enhancement Awards Program, Access & Analysis Awards and Collection Partnerships / Collaborative Digitization Awards. This document addresses the Proposal Process for both.

ACCESS & ANALYSIS AWARDS* PROPOSAL PROCESS

**Enhance Bibliographic Access to Current Collections OR Analyze Current Collection Strengths & Weaknesses*

COLLECTION PARTNERSHIPS / COLLABORATIVE DIGITIZATION AWARDS PROPOSAL PROCESS

October 2007

Who may submit proposals?

Access and Analysis Awards:

Any library within the Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries may submit proposals for "Access and Analysis Awards." Projects must demonstrate benefit to the consortium. Collaboration is encouraged.

Collection Partnerships / Collaborative Digitization Awards:

Projects **must** be collaborative: any two or more libraries within the Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries may submit proposals for collaborative projects. Projects must demonstrate benefit to the consortium. Collaboration with nonCARLI Illinois organizations or agencies (such as historical societies or museums) is allowed. CARLI members will be the fiscal agent for any successful proposals.

Does the FY 2009 Collections Enhancement Awards Program have a theme?

Access and Analysis Awards:

No

Collection Partnerships / Collaborative Digitization Awards:

Yes, the theme for this year's program is, "Green, Global, and Sustainable."

What Funds are available?

Access and Analysis Awards:

The CARLI Board of Directors has allocated funding of \$50,000 to \$70,000 for these awards.

Collection Partnerships / Collaborative Digitization Awards:

The CARLI Board of Directors has allocated funding of \$80,000 to \$100,000 for these awards.

What is the proposal process?

The process has been developed to encourage thoughtful well-developed proposals. Process steps follow:

1. All project directors must notify CARLI by December 5, 2007 that they intend to apply for a CARLI Collections Award. The statement of intent to apply form may be found on the CARLI website at: [INSERT URL HERE](#). The form may be submitted to CARLI between **November 5, 2007 and December 5, 2007**.
2. A representative of each proposed award project must attend a workshop in December 2007. There will be a choice of two workshops offered: one in Chicago at the Illini Center and one in Normal at Heartland Community College. The representative may be anyone that will convey the information presented to the primary contact for the proposal.
3. All proposals should be submitted to the CARLI Director of Collections Services by **March 14, 2008**.

The proposal format will be reviewed at the mandatory December 2007 workshops. The format includes a completed cover sheet, a proposal not to exceed 15 pages and supporting attachments not to exceed 10 pages. Each proposal should include page numbers and font size should not be smaller than 11 point.

Each participating institution must have a signature sheet from the library director/designee to indicate agreement with the terms of the proposal and compliance with institutional requirements. This signature sheet should be submitted as a separate document from the main proposal.

One ELECTRONIC document of the cover sheet, proposal, and supporting attachments in Adobe Acrobat PDF should be submitted to support@carli.illinois.edu by March 14, 2008. The CARLI Request Tracker system receives the email message and creates a ticket with a unique number. An email reply will be automatically generated to the submitter. After receipt and review of the documents, an acknowledgement will be emailed to the submitter.

For additional questions regarding submission of proposals, contact Elizabeth Clarage at (815) 753-9168 or the CARLI office at (866) 904-5843 or by e-mail at support@carli.illinois.edu.

The ELECTRONIC COPY will be considered the official copy. If a proposal is funded, a copy of the proposal will be made public on the consortium's website.

4. If the proposal includes the acquisition of materials, the proposal must include a collection analysis that demonstrates the need within the state for the materials requested. Proposals may use data from OCLC WorldCat, SILC (Statewide Illinois Library Catalog), or the OCLC Collection Analysis Service, or other similar information tools. All analysis must be fully documented so that the information may be verified by proposal reviewers. Acquisition of multiple copies of materials must be justified within the proposal beyond the need for local access.
5. Any statistics provided must be fully documented so that the analyses may be verified by proposal reviewers.
6. The proposals will be scored, ranked, and discussed by the Program's governing body, the CARLI Collections Working Group as well as the CARLI Board of Directors and library directors who have volunteered to assist. The Working Group makes a recommendation to the CARLI Board of Directors for final funding based on its judgment of how well the proposal has met the aims of the guiding principles of the program.

7. Proposing libraries may be asked to revise and expand a proposal for reconsideration in response to feedback from the Collections Working Group. In addition, more details may be requested in specific areas such as funding and plan of operation.
8. Upon request, proposing libraries may receive additional feedback on proposals that were not accepted. These libraries are encouraged to submit revised proposals in the following fiscal year.
9. For the FY 2009 award year, CARLI will be adhering to the principles as articulated in the document, "Principles for Collection Partnerships" and "Last Copy Guidelines." These documents may be found on the consortium's website: [insert URL here](#)
10. The contact person for each successful proposal must submit a project summation that includes an overview and review of the project, and if applicable, the materials purchased including the purchase price by August 31, 2009. The contact person is also to submit a final report for the entire project that includes an overall evaluation and assessment of the project by June 30, 2010. Incomplete final reports that do not include an evaluation will be noted when considering future proposals for funding.

Are proposals for multi-year funding acceptable?

Recognizing that some collection partnership projects, for example digitization projects, require more than one year to plan, implement, and complete, CARLI will accept Collection Partnership Awards Proposals which span multiple years. Such proposals must meet the following requirements:

1. The proposal may request funding for a project which is planned for completion over a two year or a three year period, with all award funding to be expended by June 30 of the final award year. Proposals for projects which can be completed within one year (e.g. purchase of library materials) will not be considered for multi-year funding.
2. The collection partnership is to continue with the same partnering institutions over the full award period. If for any reason a participating library is unable to continue the partnership project during the second and/or third year, the Director/Dean of the withdrawing institution must notify CARLI in writing no later than the first day of the fiscal year that the partnership project is not continuing.
3. All proposals for multi-year projects for the CARLI Collection Partnership Awards program must include:
 - a. Detailed budget, year by year, for each participating library
 - b. Detailed plan, year by year, with benchmark goals to be completed by which progress will be measured and reported at the end of the year.
 - c. Benefit of the project and how the project will be made available as an integral part of the statewide collection.
 - d. Plan to promote statewide awareness of the project.
 - e. Progress report plan, including definition of measurables.

Report of progress, including success of benchmark goals and budget report for each participating institution, will be due to CARLI CWG at the end of each year (by August 31st) of the multi-year project. A final evaluation report which will include evaluation of the project and its impact on the statewide collection will be due one year after completion.

What are the criteria by which proposals will be judged?

Following are the required criteria by which proposals for collaborative projects will be judged:

1. *Benefit*: Who will benefit from the project? How many persons? How will they benefit? How does this project strengthen the statewide collection? How does the proposal address the theme? **(25% of score)**
2. *Cost and Funding Plan*: What is the cost of the project (divided into one-time and continuing costs)? Costs should be as exact as possible. How do the libraries propose to meet the costs? How much, if anything, is being requested in external funding? How much is proposed as cost-sharing, both on the part of the proposing libraries and all libraries in the Consortium? Is there a plan for reverting to local funding after a start-up period? **(20% of score)**
3. *Quality of Plan of Operation*: Is the plan likely to succeed? Are there sufficient guarantees that commitments will be maintained--for example, via a formal written agreement? How will participants coordinate plan of operation? In particular, is the plan for providing service for the entire Consortium likely to be effective? **(25% of score)**
4. *Expandability, Adaptability*: Might the project, if successful, be expanded to a wider area or adapted by others? What is its value as a pilot project? **(10% of score)**
5. *Quality of Plan for Evaluation & Plan for Reporting on Progress*: How will project effectiveness be evaluated? What is the plan for review and evaluation? **(20% of score)**

PROJECTED TIMELINE

December 5, 2007	“Statement of Intent to Apply” due to CARLI Office
March 14, 2008	Proposals due to CARLI Office
March - April 2008	Scoring of proposals
April 25, 2008	CARLI Collections Working Group reviews proposals
May 16, 2008	CARLI Board reviews award recommendations
July 2008	Announcement of FY09 funded projects
July – October 2008	Disbursement of funds
June 30, 2009	Deadline for expenditure of funds
August 31, 2009	Project summation reports for FY08 projects due to CARLI
June 30, 2010	Final reports for FY09 projects due to CARLI

CONSORTIUM OF ACADEMIC & RESEARCH LIBRARIES IN ILLINOIS

PROPOSAL COVER SHEET
FY 2009

PROJECT: _____

This project is a:

_____ Access & Analysis Award Proposal

_____ Collection Partnerships / Collaborative Digitization Award Proposal

AMOUNT OF MONEY REQUESTED: _____

HOST LIBRARY: _____

HOST LIBRARY INFORMATION:

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Director of Host Library: _____

PARTICIPATING LIBRARIES, CONTACT PERSONS, & FULL CONTACT INFORMATION:

(Include the **name, title, full U.S. Postal address, phone number, and e-mail address** of a contact person at each participating library.)

Please use additional sheets of paper if necessary.