Memo

**Library Services and Technology Act
Changes in Competitive Grant Guidelines**

To: Secretary's Council, April 2011 Meeting

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In order to be proactive in managing the competitive grant program in light of anticipated cuts to the LSTA allotment and the change in emphasis to more statewide program support, the following changes are being implemented starting with the summer and fall grant calls:

1. **Digital Imaging**
   a. Formerly there was no maximum award amount. A **grant award maximum of $75,000** has been implemented. This amount seems sufficient to meet the needs of small and medium-sized projects, which are more likely to be brought to successful completion within the grant period.
   b. Formerly entities could submit multiple grant applications in a round. Only **1 application per entity per round** will now be accepted.

2. **Website Makeover**
   a. Formerly there was no maximum award amount. A **grant award maximum of $10,000** has been implemented. This amount seems sufficient to meet the needs of the small libraries; mid-size and large libraries typically already have well-developed sites so they are not the primary target for this grant.
   b. The program will be reviewed for potential elimination in 2012 following response to the 2011 grant call.

3. **Technology Ladder**
   a. Formerly there was no maximum award amount. A **grant award maximum of $35,000** has been implemented
   b. Formerly a 50% match was required for single items in excess of $15,000. **The amount for single items requiring a 50% local match has been reduced to $10,000.**

4. **Technology Mini Grant**

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a. Formerly there was a maximum award of $19,500. **The maximum award amount has been reduced to $15,000** to provide a greater distinction between the Technology Ladder and Technology Mini Grants.