

Directors Call Notes 4-15-2021

State Budget Wrap-Up – The state budget puts library funding at \$94.1 Million – level funding from 2020- and construction aid at \$34 Million (\$20 Million increase from 2020). As a result, 4CLS will reinstate Wednesday delivery. But first another driver must be hired and trained.

For the Construction Aid program, 4cls will ask libraries to complete an intent to apply form. The form and deadlines will be available soon. Libraries will be notified of a preliminary award based on their intent to apply form. Libraries can then decide whether to proceed with a full application. 4CLS's allotment will be around \$970K.

COVID/Vaccination Update – Following up on questions from the membership- employers can ask staff if they have received the vaccine, but they may not require that staff get the vaccine. There are a couple of reasons for this. The covid vaccines received fast-tracked FDA approval. They have not gone through the whole formal review process. Also, even with fully approved vaccines, there are accommodations that must be made for staff with a health issue that would prevent them from getting the vaccine and for staff with a sincerely held religious reason to refuse the vaccine.

The CDC released new guidelines on cleaning and the spread of covid -

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/more/science-and-research/surface-transmission.html>

“based on available epidemiological data and studies of environmental transmission factors, surface transmission is not the main route by which SARS-CoV-2 spreads, and the risk is considered to be low.”

CARES Act – 4CLS's CARES Act application has been approved. We will move ahead with the plan to purchase and provide tablets and exterior wifi antennas. One aspect of the original application may be altered. The application, submitted in December, included funds to purchase and distribute cleaning supplies. Based on the new CDC guidelines, and the logistics of spending all of the funds by June, 4CLS is looking into reimbursing libraries for their expenditures on cleaning supplies. More information will follow.

Quick updates:

- Send newsletter items to Steve by April 19
- Strategic Planning Workshop, April 21 at 3 PM
 - <https://intranet.4cls.org/?event=strategic-planning-refresher-launch>
- We're working on doing a webinar on the Census 2020 redistricting process
- Notes from the calls will be archived on the Intranet

Other Discussion

Some libraries are starting to slowly reopen more (putting chairs back, outside programming, etc). Masks should still be worn for outside programming

There is a lot of interest in more collaboration across libraries for programming.

Next meeting – Thursday, May 13 at 3 PM