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**ILLINOIS PUBLIC LIBRARY PER CAPITA AND
EQUALIZATION AID GRANT APPLICATION**

As required by The Illinois Library System Act (23 Ill. Adm. Code 3030.200 (a)(2)(I) and (J)), to be eligible for funding, the applying public library shall have completed the Illinois Public Library Annual Report (IPLAR) and the annual certification process to confirm eligibility for grants administered by the Illinois State Library.

The Library Board of Trustees agrees to expend the funds received for the purposes outlined in the application as approved by the Illinois State Library, and as stipulated by the Illinois Library Systems Act (75 ILCS 10/8 and 10/8.1) and Illinois State Library Grant Programs (23 Ill. Adm. Code 3035.115 and 3035.135).

The Library Board of Trustees affirms that all grant funds received as a result of this application shall be used to provide public library service to its community by supplementing the library's regular budget and that it will not reduce, nor cause to have reduced, the public library's levy in the current or next fiscal year.

The Library Board of Trustees agrees that the Illinois State Library or its designee shall have the right to examine any of the records directly related to this grant.

Legal Name of Library: Lemont Public Library District

Library's Control Number: 30402 **Branch Number:** 00 **Today's Date:** 03/28/2022

Contact information of the person completing this grant application:

Preparer's Name: Heather Shlah
(First Name) *(Last Name)*

Preparer's Title: Library Director

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By checking this box, I certify: 1) that I have the authority to submit this application on behalf of the Library Board of Trustees, and 2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. The Library Board of Trustees is aware that any false, fictitious or fraudulent statements or claims may be subject to civil, criminal or administrative penalties.

Changes in the population count for the eligible service area must be documented and supporting information that details the increase or decrease shall be submitted electronically with this application. Documentation must include one of the following:

- A U.S. Census certification (e.g., correction or special census) that has been filed with the Office of the Secretary of State Index Department prior to submission of the application.
- For population changes, annexations or disconnects that are typically not documented by the U.S. Census, the library must submit appropriate and substantial supporting information, including a certified population count. Examples include, but are not limited to: legal documentation from an appropriate municipal corporate authority or a library district's referenda questions and certified results.

If the population has not changed, no additional documentation is necessary.

Service Area Population 22,492

Part I. Review of *Serving Our Public 4.0: Standards for Illinois Public Libraries* (© Illinois Library Association, 2019)

To be eligible for a per capita grant, a public library shall show that it will either meet or show progress toward meeting the Illinois library standards as most recently adopted by the Illinois Library Association (75 ILCS 10/8.1).

A grant applicant with below standard performance levels must raise or improve its performance levels in relation to the standards according to the objectives, time frames and priorities the library shall state in the application and which are consistent with the terms of the plan of service of the system of which it is a member. (23 ILAC 3035.115)

The Library Director and the Board of Trustees shall review the entirety of *Serving Our Public 4.0: Standards for Illinois Public Libraries*. To complete this application, refer to the checklist at the conclusion of each chapter.

Chapter 1: Core Standards

Explain the objectives and priorities to be undertaken during the ensuing year to improve the library's performance levels where the chapter's standards are not met or the library is making progress toward meeting those standards. If the library meets all Core Standards, please indicate. (150 word limit)

The Lemont Public Library District meets all Core Standards.

Chapter 2: Governance and Administration

Explain the objectives and priorities to be undertaken during the ensuing year to improve the library's performance levels where the chapter's standards are not met or the library is making progress toward meeting those standards. If the library meets all components of the Governance and Administration checklist, please indicate. (150 word limit)

The Lemont Public Library District meets all the components of the Governance and Administration checklist.

Chapter 3: Personnel

Explain the objectives and priorities to be undertaken during the ensuing year to improve the library's performance levels where the chapter's standards are not met or the library is making progress toward meeting those standards. If the library meets all components of the Personnel checklist, please indicate. (150 word limit)

The Lemont Public Library District meets all components of the Personnel checklist.

Chapter 4: Access

Explain the objectives and priorities to be undertaken during the ensuing year to improve the library's performance levels where the chapter's standards are not met or the library is making progress toward meeting those standards. If the library meets all components of the Access checklist, please indicate. (150 word limit)

The Lemont Public Library District meets all components of the Access checklist.

Chapter 5: Building Infrastructure and Maintenance

Explain the objectives and priorities to be undertaken during the ensuing year to improve the library's performance levels where the chapter's standards are not met or the library is making progress toward meeting those standards. If the library meets all components of the Building Infrastructure and Maintenance checklists, please indicate. (150 word limit)

The Lemont Public Library District meets all components of the Building Infrastructure and Maintenance checklists.

Chapter 6: Safety

Explain the objectives and priorities to be undertaken during the ensuing year to improve the library's performance levels where the chapter's standards are not met or the library is making progress toward meeting those standards. If the library meets all components of the Safety checklist, please indicate. (150 word limit)

The Lemont Public Library District meets all components of the Safety checklist.

Chapter 7: Collection Management

Explain the objectives and priorities to be undertaken during the ensuing year to improve the library's performance levels where the chapter's standards are not met or the library is making progress toward meeting those standards. If the library meets all components of the Collection Management checklist, please indicate. (150 word limit)

The Lemont Public Library District meets all components of the Collection Management checklist.

Chapter 8: System Member Responsibilities and Resource Sharing

Explain the objectives and priorities to be undertaken during the ensuing year to improve the library's performance levels where the chapter's standards are not met or the library is making progress toward meeting those standards. If the library meets all components of the System Membership Responsibilities and Resource Sharing checklist, please indicate. (150 word limit)

The Lemont Public Library District meets all components of the System Membership Responsibilities and Resource Sharing checklist.

Chapter 9: Public Services: Reference and Reader's Advisory Services

Explain the objectives and priorities to be undertaken during the ensuing year to improve the library's performance levels where the chapter's standards are not met or the library is making progress toward meeting those standards. If the library meets all components of the Reference Service checklist and the Reader's Advisory Service checklist, please indicate. (150 word limit)

The Lemont Public Library District meets all components of the Reference Service checklist and the Reader's Advisory checklist.

Chapter 10: Programming

Explain the objectives and priorities to be undertaken during the ensuing year to improve the library's performance levels where the chapter's standards are not met or the library is making progress toward meeting those standards. If the library meets all components of the Programming checklist, please indicate. (150 word limit)

The Lemont Public Library District meets all the components of the Programming checklist. With the ongoing pandemic, some programming was offered in a virtual way. Either completely online or as a hybrid model.

Chapter 11: Youth/Young Adult Services

Explain the objectives and priorities to be undertaken during the ensuing year to improve the library's performance levels where the chapter's standards are not met or the library is making progress toward meeting those standards. If the library meets all components of the Youth/Young Adult Services checklist, please indicate. (150 word limit)

The Lemont Public Library District meets all components of the Youth/Young Adult Services checklist. With the ongoing pandemic, some programming and services were offered in a virtual way. Either completely online or as a hybrid model.

Chapter 12: Technology

Explain the objectives and priorities to be undertaken during the ensuing year to improve the library's performance levels where the chapter's standards are not met or the library is making progress toward meeting those standards. If the library meets all components of the Technology checklist, please indicate. (150 word limit)

We are in the midst of a server rebuild and migration project, with the aim for it to be completed in 2022. This project has created ripple effects throughout our technology infrastructure that we have had to resolve as the project moves forward, adding on extra time to reach completion. This has affected everything from Cloud storage to our patron privacy software, all of which are in the process of being resolved. We are also in the process of updating our website to be easier for patrons to use, be mobile friendly, and be ADA compliant.

Chapter 13: Marketing, Promotion and Collaboration

Explain the objectives and priorities to be undertaken during the ensuing year to improve the library's performance levels where the chapter's standards are not met or the library is making progress toward meeting those standards. If the library meets all components of the Marketing, Promotion and Collaboration checklist, please indicate. (150 word limit)

The Lemont Public Library District meets all components of the Marketing, Promotion and Collaboration checklist.

Part II: Planned Use of Grant Funds

Describe objectives and priorities for use of grant monies to meet or improve performance levels in relation to the standards in *Serving Our Public 4.0: Standards for Illinois Public Libraries* (23 ILAC 3035.115). Use general categories in identifying actual planned expenditures. Do NOT include monetary figures or specific brands.

Digitization equipment for a local history preservation project
Equipment purchases needed for our new server
New computer and printer for licence plate sticker renewal project
New public facing printer and scanning equipment
2 external hard drives
Tripod and digital SLR camera to digitize newspapers
Cloud storage fees
Flex scan