Requirements for Access for All Demonstration Projects

Members of the Access for All Steering Committee may apply for grants to develop and implement either a local demonstration project or participate in a group demonstration project. The project must improve/extend access to a library service for a target audience identified by the Steering Committee.

Current target audiences:  
- Homebound
- Hispanic-Spanish speaking
- Nursing Home residents
- Retirement center residents

Project funds must be spent within 12 months of the grant approval.

1. The applicant library must:
   a. Identify and document the underserved population group (who they are, how many, and how do you know);
   b. Complete an application form;
   c. Submit the completed application to the Commission for Libraries at least 6 weeks prior to implementing the grant project

2. The project must include the following components:
   a. Outreach activities that provide information, programs, and services to the identified population group in the community;
   b. At least one active community partner;
   c. Public information about programs and services for the underserved audience

3. If the project is approved, the applicant agrees to:
   a. Describe the project on its library website including eligibility, duration of the project, and contact information;
   b. Share the project and its results at an ILA annual conference presentation;
   c. Mentor library staff from other libraries requesting information on the project as needed.

4. Program budget:
   Maximum grant award is $2,000.00; funds to be expended within 12 months of the project award.

5. Application timeline:
   Applications can be submitted between December 1, 2007 and June 30, 2008 and will be reviewed by ICFL staff as they are received.