



SOUTH JERSEY REGIONAL LIBRARY COOPERATIVE
Making the Most of Bad Times
JOBS DEMONSTRATION PROJECT
Announcement – Draft for Discussion

Thursday, June 25, 10 am - Noon, at the SJRLC office:

Discussion and brainstorming with interested libraries.
(Applicant libraries are not required to attend.)

1. Intent

Goal: To help SJRLC member libraries respond efficiently and effectively to their customers' needs for assistance, training and information on job-hunting, career choice, unemployment and communication skills.

Objectives

- To help libraries in their rapid response to customer needs in the recession.
- To assist libraries in finding high-quality, affordable local speakers/trainers.
- To publicize the service so that the public expects to find job-hunting and related classes at their library
- To demonstrate the use of libraries as information and self-help centers in the recession.

2. Project Description

Through the SJRLC JOBS Project, the Cooperative will:

- Provide funding to libraries in the region to support classes and training sessions for the general public on job-hunting, career choice, unemployment, communication skills and related areas.
- Provide information including expertise, price, etc. on speakers/trainers with experience in these subjects who will do training in your area.
- Assist with design, publicity and overall message to the general public and targeted users on the web and in the media and provide a suite of public relations materials for participating libraries.
- Create a user's group and WIKI to share information on speakers, policies, procedures and technical issues.
- Share our experience with other libraries and organizations in New Jersey and nationally.

Requirements for Funding:

Eligible public libraries will:

- Schedule jobs-related training for the general public during the period September 1 through December 31, 2009.
- Send a representative to one meeting of the SJRLC Project Group.
- Assess satisfaction level of attendees.
- Share information on programming, attendance and evaluations with SJRLC and participating libraries.

3. **Funding**

Maximum individual award per applicant may be \$500-\$1000 per library. In the event of applications exceeding available funds, priority may be given to libraries who will match funds for the project

4. **Eligible Applicants**

SJRLC member libraries.

5. **Eligible Costs**

Eligible costs will include fees expenses for trainers.

6. **Criteria for Approval**

All eligible applicants who complete the application and necessary certifications will be eligible to receive funding. In the event of applications exceeding available funds, priority may be given to libraries who will match funds for the project.

7. **Reporting**

The recipient agency must submit a final fiscal (budget summary sheet attached) and project report to the South Jersey Regional Library Cooperative, with copies of vendor invoices, no later than March 31, 2010. The following information must be included:

8. **Due Date and Submission**

The South Jersey Regional Library Cooperative must receive the original and two copies of the completed application no later than 4:00 pm on July 30, 2009.

9. **Timeline**

- **Thursday, June 25, 10 am - Noon, at the SJRLC office:** Discussion and brainstorming with interested libraries. (Applicant libraries are not required to attend.)
- **Tuesday, June 30:** Final announcement/application issued.
- **Thursday, July 30:** Deadline for submissions.
- **Monday, August 17:** Announcement of award

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