**SOUTHERN TIER LIBRARY SYSTEM**

***2016* OUTREACH MINI-GRANT**

**Apply to:** Alfonso Oliveras, Deputy Director

**Application Deadline:** August 31, 2016

**Program Description**

The STLS Coordinated Outreach Services Advisory Committee (COSAC) provides grants to enable members to strengthen services to targeted outreach populations.

Applications must be for projects serving:

* People who are Blind or who have a Physical Disability
* Seniors
* People who have a Developmental or Learning Disability
* People living in Institutionalized Settings
* Members of Ethnic or Minority Groups in need of special services
* People who are Educationally Disadvantaged
* People who are Unemployed or Underemployed
* People who are Geographically Isolated

Outreach Mini-Grants are designed to fund pilot projects for the implementation or expansion of local library services to outreach populations and to support libraries in working with populations that may not currently be using library services.

**Grant size**

Libraries may apply for a grant ranging from $200 to $1,000. Grant funds may be used for such expenses as programmer fees, supplies, publicity, or library materials. Grant funds may not be used to replace operational funds, pay library staff salaries, or for library construction. If you have a question about expense eligibility, please contact Alfonso Oliveras (607) 962-3141 x212 ([oliverasa@stls.org](mailto:oliverasa@stls.org)).

**Grant Requirements**

All libraries receiving COSAC grant funds must:

* Include language crediting the Coordinated Outreach Services Advisory Committee on all publicity, online postings, or printed materials affiliated with the project: *“This project is supported by outreach funds awarded by the Southern Tier Library System’s Coordinated Outreach Services Advisory Council.”*
* Comply with reporting and evaluation requirements. Libraries will be required to submit a final report with statistics and a narrative about their projects following its conclusion.

**How to apply**

Please email your application to Alfonso Oliveras, Deputy Director, at oliverasa@stls.org.

Selected libraries will be notified by **September 16, 2016**.

*Note: Before submitting your application, please contact Alfonso Oliveras (*[*oliverasa@stls.org*](mailto:oliverasa@stls.org)*) to provide a brief synopsis of your proposed project.*

**Outreach Mini-Grant Application**

**Part I:**

1) Library Requesting Grant: Click here to enter text.

2) Contact Person: Click here to enter text.

3) Outreach Population(s) to be served by this project (check all that apply):

People who are Blind or who have a Physical Disability

Seniors

People who have a Developmental or Learning Disability

People living in Institutionalized Settings

Members of Ethnic or Minority Groups in need of special services

People who are Educationally Disadvantaged

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4) Total Amount Requested: Click here to enter text.

5) If full funding is not available for this project, would you accept partial funding *(please indicate how you would need to modify your proposed project if less funding were allocated)*: Click here to enter text.

6) Other funding sources being used in addition to COSAC funding to implement this project. Include in-kind library contributions: Click here to enter text.

7) Have you received previous Outreach Mini-Grant funding? (If yes, please list funded project(s)): Click here to enter text.

**Part II. Project Description:**

Give a complete but succinct description of your outreach project including:

1. A description of your local community and library which will help funders who are not from your area to better understand the need for this project *(e.g. you are targeting persons who are un/underemployed because a local industry has shut down or reduced its work force OR you are requesting funding for a project for older adults because the nearest senior citizens center is 10 miles away.)*
2. Project need.
3. Community agencies/organizations which will be collaborating with you in developing and implementing this project.
4. Your timeline for implementing the project.
5. Publicity measures you will undertake to promote the project (*how will you promote this project within your community & how will you share information about your project with colleagues at other STLS libraries)*
6. Your plans for continuing this project after the grant period

Click here to enter text.

**Part III. Project Budget:**

1) Contracted services (*including programmer fees):* Click here to enter text.

2) Supplies & Materials (please itemize): Click here to enter text.

3) Library Materials (books, videos, audio, software, etc.)

*(include two or three sample titles which are similar to those you intend to purchase for the project)*: Click here to enter text.

4) Other (please describe): Click here to enter text.