

**California State Library, Library Development Services  
Cooperative System Report, December 2, 2021**

**\*California Library Literacy Services**

The application for Round 1 of the new \$15 million in ESL services through CLLS programs is now open and closes December 24, 2021 at 5 p.m. These funds are only available to current CLLS libraries. A November 19 webinar introduced the application process. Please note there will be three opportunities for new applications. Round 2 will open in spring of 2022 and Round 3 in spring of 2023. Please contact Bev Schwartzberg at [beverly.schwartzberg@library.ca.gov](mailto:beverly.schwartzberg@library.ca.gov) for the webinar slides and recording.

**Networking Conversations**

Networking conversations for California libraries continue, and we encourage you to register to attend. Directors' calls occur once a month in 2021 and invitation to participate is sent out on the directors listserv as dates are scheduled. The upcoming Directors' Networking conversation is on **December 15th, 2021 3:30pm**. Invitations are also sent to the directors listserv from Chris Durr: [chris.durr@library.ca.gov](mailto:chris.durr@library.ca.gov) Please register in advance for this meeting and suggest topics for the conversation using this link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEscOqpqTMqGdcmmUP7NIXRMAGLjoFRgfim> For interest in other Networking conversations, please contact [lena.pham@library.ca.gov](mailto:lena.pham@library.ca.gov)

**\*Digital Learning Platforms for All California Public Libraries.**

We are hoping the learning platforms Coursera, GetSetUp, LearningExpress Library (plus Job and Career Accelerator), LinkedIn Learning, Northstar, and/or Skillshare are being set up on your websites. The vendors have contacted the identified library staff with information needed for set up. Each platform has a different access model. The link to information sessions, marketing materials, and FAQs is <https://my.nicheacademy.com/callacademy/course/39032>. If you have not heard from one of the vendors, or have changed your mind about adding one of the platforms, please email [jody.thomas@library.ca.gov](mailto:jody.thomas@library.ca.gov) AND [jen.lemberger@library.ca.gov](mailto:jen.lemberger@library.ca.gov).

NOTE: If you did not register interest in accessing LinkedIn due to connection issues with SIP2 or Patron API, please contact Jody and Jen (emails above). We are working on a solution.

**\*Building Forward Infrastructure Funding for California Libraries**

The Building Forward infrastructure grant program was made possible by the California Budget Act for the 2021-2022 fiscal year, which contains \$439 million in one-time funds to create an equity-focused matching infrastructure grant program to support local library maintenance, capital projects, broadband and technology upgrades, and purchasing of devices.

As stated in SB 129, Section 215 the California State Library:

1. Shall prioritize project requests submitted by local libraries in high-poverty areas of the state. No grant amount shall exceed \$10,000,000.
2. Shall prioritize grants for life-safety and other critical maintenance and infrastructure projects.
3. May support more significant modernization and construction capital projects, other infrastructure projects, and device purchases only if funding remains after supporting life-safety and other critical projects.

A link to a recorded information session is available at:

<https://www.library.ca.gov/grants/infrastructure/>

The preliminary application period, which was an optional step in applying, closed October 27, 2021.

Next steps will be announced shortly. If you have questions, please email

[BuildingForward@library.ca.gov](mailto:BuildingForward@library.ca.gov).

### **California Libraries Learn (CALL)**

California Libraries Learn is busier than ever. Start planning your team's professional development by visiting [www.callacademy.org](http://www.callacademy.org) and check the frequently updated [calendar](#) to explore the options. Free courses, weekly webinars, and

cohort-based training for directors and senior management on **Incorporating Equity into Public Library Services and Systems** (look for an announcement in early December);

**CALL for Learning**, cohort-based training on how to build an effective learning culture in your library (registration now open);

training on inclusive library services focused on those with disabilities; and

cohort-based community engagement training.

CALL has its own newsletter, *CALL Letters*, and users can subscribe directly for up-to-date information on staff professional development needs. Please [subscribe today](#). Encourage your staff members to [create a login](#) to access the many online, self-paced learning opportunities available through [CALL Academy](#).

This year, CALL's special focus areas are, as requested by CA library staff: mental health and workplace wellbeing; customer service; equity, diversity, inclusion, and belonging; and community engagement.

### **Funding opportunities through the California State Library**

Please visit the [grants page](#) of the California State Library website for a listing and timetable of new and upcoming funding opportunities. Community Connections and Library-Workforce Partnership Initiative funding opportunities closed at the end of September and awards will be made by mid-October.

### **California Revealed**

California Revealed previews an upcoming funding opportunities for work with historical records, images, and outreach. For more information, visit [www.californiarevealed.org](http://www.californiarevealed.org) and

<https://californiarevealed.org/content/news>.

#### [Cataloging California: Description Assistance](#)

Application due: Friday, December 3, 2021 <https://californiarevealed.org/describe>

#### [Our Collections, Our Communities: Outreach Assistance](#)

Application due: Friday, December 3, 2021 <https://californiarevealed.org/community-outreach>