Cost Formula Work Group Tenets

    a. There is an advantage to the community as a whole if all SCLS libraries participate in the ILS and SCLS network

    b. Technology, Network and ILS services should have separate fees

    c. Factors used in the formulas will be taken from easily accessible data

    d. The formula will generate fees to cover the costs of the services included

    e. Continue to invest enough for current and future services

PC Support Fees Data

Issue: declining PC counts; rising costs

    a. Current cost is $250 per PC (since 2014)

    b. Have operated at a deficit for 3 years

        i. 2022 $3,293

        ii. 2023 $17,638

        iii. 2024 $26,643 (covered by SCLS contribution of $25,000)

    c. PC device count

        iv. 2017 1,285

        v. 2018 1,324 (small increases at many libraries)

        vi. 2019 1,315

        vii. 2020, 1,335 (pre-pandemic)

        viii. 2021 1,399 (increase in laptops)

        ix. 2022 1,373 (-26 PCS) (-$6,500)

        x. 2023 1,322 (-51 PCs + -26 PCs = -77 PCs) (-$12,750 + -$6,500 = $19,250)

        xi. 2024 1,279 (-43 PCs + -77PCs = -120 PCs) (-$10,750 + -$19,250 = $30,000)

    d. Raise PC support fee to cover deficit?

        xii. Software costs = 120 X $50 =$6,000; deficit is $24,000

        xiii. Increase = $18.75 per PC to cover non software costs

Cost Formula Work Group Proposal

Cost Formula Work Group recommends to the Administrative Council the SCLS Proposals for the 2025 Budget and Cost Formula as follows;

1. Allocate funds from SCLS State Aid Contribution to Rural and/or small libraries as follows;
    a. Reduction for Population
        i. <2500 = $1000
        ii. 2500-4999 = $750
    b. Reduction for Locale (Locale codes)
        i. Rural Fringe (41)=$250
        ii. Rural Distant (42)=$500
        iii. Rural Remote (43)=$750
2. Increase Technology Services PC support fees by 4% ($10 per PC) from $250 to $260 per PC [Change to a Cost Formula]
3. Apply the SCLS additional state aid contribution of $25,000 to the Infrastructure budget to reduce fees for all libraries.

Action Item for 6/20/2024 Administrative Council
- Increase Technology Services PC support fees by 4% ($10 per PC) from $250 to $260 per PC