

CHAPTER 134

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134.155 Librarians of color program.
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learning; library responsibilities.

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134.155 LIBRARIANS OF COLOR PROGRAM.

[For text of subd 1, see M.S.1996]

Subd. 2. Grants. The commissioner of children, families, and learning, in consultation with the multicultural advisory committee established in section 126.82, shall award grants for professional development programs to recruit and educate people of color in the field of library science or information management. Grant applicants must be a public library jurisdiction with a growing minority population working in collaboration with an accredited institution of higher education with a library education program.

Subd. 3. Program requirements. (a) A grant recipient shall recruit people of color to be library staff in public libraries and provide support in linking program participants with jobs in the recipient's library jurisdiction.

(b) A grant recipient shall establish an advisory council composed of representatives of communities of color.

(c) A grant recipient, with the assistance of the advisory council, may recruit high school students, undergraduate students or other persons; support them through the higher education application and admission process; advise them while enrolled; and link them with support resources in the college or university and the community.

(d) A grant recipient shall award stipends to people of color enrolled in a library education program to help cover the costs of tuition, student fees, supplies, and books. Stipend awards must be based upon a student's financial need and students must apply for any additional financial aid for which they are eligible to supplement this program. No more than ten percent of the grant may be used for costs of administering the program. Students must agree to work in the grantee library jurisdiction for at least two years after graduation if the student acquires a master's degree and at least three years after graduation if the student acquires both a bachelor's and a master's degree while participating in the program. If no full-time position is available in the library jurisdiction, the student may fulfill the work requirement in another Minnesota library.

(e) The commissioner of children, families, and learning shall consider the following criteria in awarding grants:

(1) whether the program is likely to increase the recruitment and retention of persons of color in librarianship;

(2) whether grant recipients will establish or have a mentoring program for persons of color; and

(3) whether grant recipients will provide a library internship for persons of color while participating in this program.

History: *1Sp1997 c 4 art 8 s 1,2*

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[For text of subs 1 to 4, see M.S.1996]

Subd. 5. Advisory committee. The commissioner shall appoint an advisory committee of five members to advise the staff of the Minnesota library for the blind and physically handicapped on long-range plans and library services. Members shall be people who use the li-

brary. Section 15.059 governs this committee except that the committee shall expire on June 30, 2001.

History: 1997 c 192 s 23

134.34 REGIONAL LIBRARY BASIC SYSTEM SUPPORT GRANTS; REQUIREMENTS.

[For text of subs 1 and 3, see M.S.1996]

Subd. 4. A regional library basic system support grant shall not be made to a regional public library system for a participating city or county which decreases the dollar amount provided for support for operating purposes of public library service below the amount provided by it for the second preceding year. This subdivision shall not apply to participating cities or counties where the adjusted net tax capacity of that city or county has decreased, if the dollar amount of the reduction in support is not greater than the dollar amount by which support would be decreased if the reduction in support were made in direct proportion to the decrease in adjusted net tax capacity.

Subd. 4a. [Repealed, 1Sp1997 c 4 art 8 s 6]

[For text of subd 7, see M.S.1996]

History: 1Sp1997 c 4 art 8 s 3

134.46 [Repealed, 1Sp1997 c 4 art 9 s 13]