2020 FLORIDA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION LEGISLATIVE FUNDING PRIORITIES

1. STATE AID TO PUBLIC LIBRARIES – INCREASE FUNDING TO $33,000,000
   Maintenance of Effort:
   $23,180,603

   ...funding level that Florida must commit to in order to receive approx. $9 million in federal grant funding from Library Services & Technology Act (LSTA)

2. PUBLIC LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION - APPROPRIATE FUNDING OF $15,470,000 TO SUPPORT ALL ELIGIBLE APPLICATIONS
   Libraries throughout the State are building and renovating again!
   Public libraries require immediate, significant state investment to accommodate advances in IT infrastructure, renovate aging buildings, institute energy efficient technologies, and to increase accessibility for all patrons. Many library projects have been put on hold to the detriment of their communities.
   34 applicants deemed eligible for funding

3. INNOVATIVE INITIATIVES - APPROPRIATE FUNDING OF $2,000,000 TO CREATE AN INNOVATION GRANT PROGRAM
   With these funds, public libraries can develop new service delivery models and programs that incorporate workforce readiness, economic development support, STEM learning, and community engagement spaces.

4. MULTI-TYPE LIBRARY COOPERATIVES (MLC) - APPROPRIATE $2,000,000
   FLA supports additional increase of $500,000. FLA also supports filed DLIS Clean-up Bills to remove the cap listed in F.S. 257. MLCs reduce costs for libraries by facilitating resource sharing between libraries, providing training for over 16,000 library staff annually, support online databases, and widely used programs like Ask-A-Librarian and Florida Library Jobs.

5. SMART HORIZONS CAREER ONLINE HIGH SCHOOL - $750,000
   This program makes an accredited private high school diploma more accessible to adult Floridians and prepares them for success in the workforce.
   As of January 2020
   694 graduates
   416 students actively working on coursework

6. STATE UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE LIBRARIES – INCREASE FALSC E-RESOURCES FUNDING TO $8,473,107
   Student success depends on access to high quality, scholarly e-resources across all academic disciplines.
   Since 2012, costs for e-resources have increased by 3%.
   Loss of 27 database packages = loss of access to millions of scholarly resources

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