



## **LANE COUNTY LAW LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Virtual (GoToMeeting)

**Tuesday, January 26 | 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.**

### **AGENDA**

*Committee Charge: Advise the Law Librarian and Board of County Commissioners regarding the operations, policies, and financial requirements necessary to maintain adequate law library facilities and services. Make recommendations for project priorities and long-range planning goals.*

1. **Call to Order/Welcome/Introduction** **3:30pm**
2. **Public Comment** (3 minutes per person) **3:35pm**
3. **Review and Approval of Minutes** (October meeting) **3:40pm**
  - a. Approve October 28<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes
4. **Updates to Agenda** **3:45pm**
5. **Announcements/Reports** **3:45pm**
  - a. Commissioner election:
    - i. Laurie Treiger replaces Pete Sorenson on Board.
    - ii. Commissioner Pat Farr replaces Pete S. as Law Library liaison to Board.
6. **Old Business** **3:50pm**
  - a. Legal Aid [priority issues survey](#) – still open? (*I, 5 minutes*)
  - b. LLAC bylaws – revision to address electronic/email voting (*I, 10 minutes*)
  - c. Lexis contract expiration/renewal; remote database access (*I, G 10 minutes*)
7. **New Business** **4:10pm**
  - a. [LSTA grant opportunity](#) via State of Oregon Library, in collaboration with Springfield-Eugene Tenant Association (SETA)
    - i. Project proposal: “Averting a Potential Eviction Crisis: Creating and Disseminating Legal Information and Resources, and Facilitating Mediation Assistance for Tenants and Landlords”
    - ii. Future opportunities for LLAC – share with County Commissioners, other networks
  - b. Imminent purchase of self-service photocopier/printer software & equipment upgrade (*I, 15 minutes*)
8. **Next Meeting** Tuesday, March 30, 3:30-5:00pm
9. **Adjourn** **5:00pm**

Legend: *I = Inform, G = Generate ideas, D = Decide*

Date: January 12, 2021

<b>SYNOPSIS OF LSTA GRANT PROJECT IDEA</b>
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GRANT APPLICANT: Lane County Law Library

GRANT PROJECT TITLE (draft): “Averting a Potential Eviction Crisis: Creating and Disseminating Legal Information and Resources, and Facilitating Mediation Assistance for Tenants and Landlords”

ABOUT LSTA GRANTS:

- The **State Library of Oregon** offers a competitive grant opportunity through its federally funded **Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Program**, which is administered on the national level by the Institute of Museum and Library Services' Grants to States Program.
- Libraries of all types, as well as non-profit organizations partnering with Oregon libraries, are eligible to apply for an LSTA grant.
- Applications are reviewed by Oregon's LSTA Advisory Council, who then make funding recommendations to the State Library Board. Successfully funded projects **address at least one of the five goals of Oregon's LSTA Five-Year Plan 2018-2022:**
  - Goal #1: Provide access to library services, materials, and information resources
  - Goal #2: Use technology to increase capacity to provide access to library services, materials and information resources
  - Goal #3: Promote evidence-based practice in libraries
  - Goal #4: Develop information literacy skills
  - Goal #5: Foster lifelong learning
- Since 2010:
  - Average award amount = \$52,029
  - Median award amount = \$41,542
- Typically 10-15 grant projects funded each year.
- Project activities and expenditures should fit within the state fiscal year (July 1 through June 30), and **grant funds are delivered as periodic reimbursements.**
- Grant recipients **submit quarterly reports on programmatic progress and expenditures**, as well as a **final report** following the end of the project year.
- Application deadline: **February 1, 2021**

PROJECT PROPOSAL OUTLINE (two-fold idea, with hopes of accomplishing both):

1. **Legal information creation & dissemination on landlord/tenant law.**
  - a. Topics will focus on rights and duties of both parties with regards to rental contracts, deposits, lease termination vs eviction, legislation changes concerning the eviction moratorium, and other similar aspects.

- b. SETA website as primary portal – compare to Community Alliance of Tenants website ([www.oregoncat.org](http://www.oregoncat.org)), especially “Know Your Rights” section
- c. SETA Hotline – strategies for enhancement?
- d. Distribution of print information to accessible partner points across Lane County (eg public libraries, municipal courts, community centers, etc.)
- e. Other forms of information distribution: Computer kiosk (?), television/radio
- f. Possible: workshops and/or public education programs for tenants (and landlords?)

**2. Free mediation program opportunity *prior* to eviction filing.**

- a. Courthouse will offer information to landlords on free mediation program as alternative to filing eviction.
- b. SETA will inform Hotline callers about mediation option, if tenant proactively seeks assistance in advance of receiving eviction notice.
- c. Attorney-mediators agree to mediate the parties and (ideally) construct agreement that’s mutually acceptable and tenant (hopefully) avoids eviction.
- d. Lane County Law Library (with assistance from SETA?) serves as administrator and coordinator, and provides physical space with complete technology set-up for parties to employ remote sessions.
- e. Attorneys coordinated through Lane County Bar Association’s Access to Justice Committee.
- f. Attorney training on landlord/tenant law conducted by Oregon Law Center.
- g. Center for Dialog and Resolution potentially also involved.
- h. One important caveat to consider: Without significant rental assistance, many tenants will not have any legal defenses to evictions and won’t have the money to buy more time. How will mediation program be helpful to them?

GRANT PARTNERS (must write “letter of commitment” identifying what will be committed: resources, personnel, facilities, cash, or other assets)

- Springfield-Eugene Tenant Association (SETA)
- Lane County Bar Association (LCBA)
- Oregon Law Center (OLC)

GRANT STAKEHOLDERS (must write “letter of support” that conveys belief that project is worthwhile)

- Lane County Circuit Court

***\*\*Please note: This synopsis is a working document, with some details likely to change.\*\****

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