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FROM: Terry L. Manuel, State Librarian and Commissioner

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**RE:** Award of Public Library Construction Grants

The Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives (KDLA) offers construction grants to public libraries under KRS 171.027 when funding is appropriated by the Legislature and approved by the Governor. These grants are awarded through a competitive process and awardees receive a payment every year to be used to help pay down construction borrowing. The department promulgates administrative regulations to establish the application process, criteria for selecting projects for assistance, a minimum level of local participation, and the process that will be followed in the construction of these facilities.

As a result of this process, earlier this year KDLA selected 8 public libraries to receive this grant funding. Under KRS 171.027, the department must report these assistance awards to the Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations and Revenue within thirty (30) days of execution of any memorandum of agreement.

A memorandum of agreement for these awards has been completed with the following public libraries:

1. Bell annual award: \$26,870.00 2. Butler annual award: \$141,432.00 3. Christian annual award: \$37,710.00 4. Fayette annual award: \$200,000.00 5. Hardin annual award: \$214,876.00 6. Jefferson annual award: \$61,288.00 7. Oldham annual award: \$160,290.00 8. Todd annual award: \$212,150.00

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