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3 * Section 1. AS 14.56.300 is amended to read:

4 **Sec. 14.56.300. Library assistance grant fund.** There is established in the
5 department a library assistance grant fund. From legislative appropriations to the fund,
6 the department shall make grants to eligible libraries for public library operations,
7 [OR] for interlibrary cooperation, or for regional library services [BOTH].

8 * Sec. 2. AS 14.56.310 is amended to read:

9 **Sec. 14.56.310. Eligibility.** (a) Libraries eligible for grants under
10 AS 14.56.300 are

11 (1) public libraries established under AS 29.35.125 or, in a
12 municipality that does not have a public library established under AS 29.35.125,
13 another library that

14 (A) is a nonprofit corporation and holds meetings of its
15 board of directors in public;

1 **(B) provides services listed in AS 29.35.125(a); and**
2 **(C) is approved to receive grants under AS 14.56.300 by**
3 **resolution of the governing body of that municipality; [OPERATED BY**
4 **MUNICIPALITIES OR BY PUBLIC LIBRARY NONPROFIT**
5 **CORPORATIONS; AND]**

6 (2) libraries sharing resources **free of charge with** [OR PROVIDING
7 SERVICES TO] other libraries **in the state; and**

8 **(3) libraries providing regional library services.**

9 (b) A library described in (a)(1) of this section is eligible for a public library
10 assistance grant. A library described in **(a)(2)** [EITHER (a)(1) OR (2)] of this section
11 is eligible for an interlibrary cooperation assistance grant. **A library described in**
12 **(a)(3) of this section is eligible for a regional library services assistance grant.**

13 * Sec. 3. AS 14.56.330(a) is amended to read:

14 (a) A public library assistance grant under **AS 14.56.310(a)(1) may be a basic**
15 **grant or a per capita grant. A basic grant** [AS 14.56.300 - 14.56.340] may not **be**
16 **more than \$7,000** [EXCEED \$10,000] for each [LOCAL PUBLIC LIBRARY] service
17 outlet **of the public library** in any one fiscal year. **The amount of a basic grant**
18 **must be** [HOWEVER, NO AMOUNT OVER \$5,000 MAY BE GRANTED UNLESS
19 IT IS] equally matched by local money, **the fair value of volunteer labor, or a**
20 **combination of local money and volunteer labor. If the amount available for**
21 **public library assistance grants during a fiscal year is not sufficient to fully fund**
22 **basic grants for all eligible libraries, the amount available shall be prorated so**
23 **that the amount of basic grants for all eligible libraries is reduced by the same**
24 **percentage. After payment of basic grants to all eligible libraries during a fiscal**
25 **year, any amount remaining for public library assistance grants shall be**
26 **distributed as per capita grants to each library that received a basic grant. The**
27 **amount of the per capita grants shall be based on the population of the**
28 **municipality or unincorporated community served by each of the libraries.**

29 * Sec. 4. AS 14.56.340 is amended to read:

30 **Sec. 14.56.340. Regulations.** The board shall adopt regulations necessary to
31 carry out the purposes of AS 14.56.300 - 14.56.330. **The regulations must include**

1 qualifications for grant eligibility and provisions regarding the use of grant funds.

2 * **Sec. 5.** AS 29.35 is amended by adding a new section to read:

3 **Sec. 29.35.125. Public libraries.** (a) A public library established under this
4 section shall provide at least the following services free of charge to the residents of
5 the municipality or community:

6 (1) establish and maintain a collection of books and other materials for
7 loaning;

8 (2) provide access to interlibrary loan services;

9 (3) provide reading or other educational programs for children; and

10 (4) provide reference information.

11 (b) A public library established under this section shall submit an annual report
12 of its operations and the services it provides to the director of the division that has
13 responsibility for state libraries.

14 * **Sec. 6.** AS 14.56.200, 14.56.210, 14.56.220, 14.56.230, 14.56.240, and 14.56.350 are
15 repealed on June 30, 1999.