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MEMORANDUM

TO: LRC Directors
Community Colleges

FROM: Pamela B. Doyle
Library Resources

SUBJECT: Library Book Budget

The budget for the NCCCS has been approved by the General Assembly. Many of you are aware that the non-recurring monies on which we have come to rely over the past several years is not included in the Library Book budget. Attached is a table of the **Continuation/Recurring** budget and **Expansion/Non-recurring** budget allocations that you received last fiscal year. **Based on the current budget, libraries will receive the continuation/recurring budget allocations but not the expansion/non-recurring monies.**

The Presidents Association is aware of this library budget shortfall, and it is my understanding that there has been some discussion of ways to offset it from the increased monies that are projected in the "Other Costs" and the workforce industry training line items. Use of these monies will be a local decision. You can use the attached information to project the impact the loss of the expansion/non-recurring monies will have on library services at your college this year.

This is a very disconcerting dilemma, but please keep in mind that overall the NCCCS may be getting more money and there are possibilities for minimizing the impact on libraries. Linda Stone and Shirley McLaughlin shared information about H275 and the need to gather support for its approval. If ratified, H275 will provide additional funding for workforce industry training, which may be a source of funding to offset the losses in the library book monies.

Also keep in mind that the budget proposal for the 2000 session of the General Assembly will include a request for increased library funding. Plans are to request that the expansion/non-recurring monies that we have received annually since 1992 (except possibly this year) be added to the base

continuation/recurring allocation. Plans also include requesting an additional allocation to help libraries grow their collections (ownership and access to print, non-print, and electronic resources) and to enhance services to branch campuses and distance learners.

I hope this information will be helpful to you as you work with your local administration on strategies for addressing library funding for the fiscal year.

Please let me know if you have questions.

CC: Presidents
Business Managers

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