

3.D. Sub-strategy Request

Agency Code:	Agency Name:	Prepared By:	Statewide Goal Code:	Strategy Code:		
306	Texas State Library & Archives Commission	Beverley Shirley	1	1.1.1		
AGENCY GOAL: 1. Improve the Availability of Library and Information Services						
OBJECTIVE: 1. Cost Avoidance through Library Resource Sharing						
STRATEGY: 1. Share Library Resources Among Libraries Statewide						
SUB-STRATEGY: TexShare Databases						
Code	Sub-strategy Request	Expended 2007	Estimated 2008	Budgeted 2009	Requested	
					2010	2011
	Objects of Expense:					
2001	Professional Fees and Services		\$91,200	\$37,000	\$21,000	\$21,000
2009	Other Operating Expenses	\$6,139,374	\$5,088,004	\$5,443,094	\$5,265,164	\$5,265,165
	Total, Objects of Expense	\$6,139,374	\$5,179,204	\$5,480,094	\$5,286,164	\$5,286,165
	Method of Financing:					
	General Revenue	\$1,431,329	\$3,677,204	\$3,927,204	\$4,063,164	\$4,063,165
	General Revenue Dedicated	\$2,880,875	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Federal - 45.310.000 State Library Services	\$1,827,170	\$1,500,000	\$1,550,890	\$1,221,000	\$1,221,000
	Appropriated Receipts	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
	Interagency Contracts	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
	Total, Method of Financing	\$6,139,374	\$5,179,204	\$5,480,094	\$5,286,164	\$5,286,165
Number of Positions (FTE)		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Sub-strategy Description and Justification:						
<p>TexShare databases put vast storehouses of knowledge on desktops of library users; this helps equalize access to these resources in communities throughout the state. This sub-strategy funds approximately 50 commercial databases in the areas of business, health, school support, and other topics. It also supports a user-friendly interface, "Library of Texas," that allows Texans to locate and request materials from over 140 libraries through a single, simple search. A complementary service, Texas Heritage Online, provides open access to historic resources digitized by TexShare libraries and other cultural heritage institutions. The TexShare Database service erases distance barriers and levels the playing field so all Texans can use a comparable range of high-quality resources. TexShare provides this service for users of all TexShare member libraries, regardless of library size, type, or geographic location. Users can access these materials 24 hours a day, seven days a week, from any location. In FY2008, these online databases would have cost individual libraries \$93,600,000, thirteen times their actual cost to the state. So, for every dollar spent, these services yielded \$13 worth of value.</p>						
External/Internal Factors Impacting Sub-strategy:						
<p>For libraries and archives, obtaining, organizing, storing, and providing information is a core mission. TexShare provides equitable and cost-effective statewide resource distribution through state-level purchasing. The electronic database program provides 24-hours a day delivery to registered library users inside and outside of the library building. Electronic delivery of information creates savings with saved storage space and personnel time (circulation, shelving, etc.) Due to inflationary increases in subscription costs, we will not be able to continue to provide the full array of databases currently available unless more funding becomes available. We project that in the next biennium, at level funding we will need to drop subscriptions to three or more databases. This translates into approximately 212,000 fewer persons served in a year. If member libraries purchased these resources themselves, the cost each year would be over \$16 million dollars.</p>						