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These funds are being requested under the noncompetitive Library System Technology Projects category, Funds are being spent for two projects,

In 2002 we used this grant to fund assistive technology for libraries in the Winnefox Library System, Unfortunately, not every interested library was able to benefit from this grant. In 2003 we will be using \$7,700 of this grant for additional assistive technology for 4 more libraries,

The remaining \$11,100 will be used to help upgrade our shared automation system. The current DRA system is nearing the end of its lifespan and we are migrating to the SIRSI system, As part of that migration, the catalog interface will be upgraded to allow more outside content than is provided with the current catalog. The current catalog provides cover graphics, reviews and tables of content, The LSTA grant would be used to pay for part of the licensing for enhancement of that content.

Applicant Agency	County and Public Library System	
Winnefox Library System	Whnefox Library System	
Application Category		Total Federal Funds Requested
System Technology Projects		18,800.00

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This project will pay for a portion of the automation costs for three Winnefox Library System member libraries to join WALs (Winnefox Automated Library Services), a member-funded Winnefox program.

The participating libraries are the Fond du Lac Public Library, the Mill Pond Public Library in Kingston, and the Packwaukee Public Library.

Kingston and Packwaukee have already installed T1 lines and are currently offering public Internet access. Both libraries are members of Winnefox Cooperative Technical Services (WCTS) the cooperative technical services program of Winnefox. WCTS uses the shared automation system to catalog and barcode items for its member libraries. Packwaukee is also barcoding the older part of its collection in preparation for automation. LSTA funds paid for the telecommunication equipment for the two libraries, and REACH funds were used for cabling and the first-year T1 costs for Kingston.

The Fond du Lac library currently shares a T1 line with the city of Fond du Lac for Internet access. It operates its own stand-alone library automation system.

To fully automate the libraries need to pay automation startup charges—included in the WALs membership fee. Fond du Lac also needs to move onto its own T1 line and convert its collection and patron records.

The costs to automate with WALs are a significant hurdle for the libraries, although all have worked hard to obtain the funds. All three libraries are committed to joining WALs as soon as funding permits.

Applicant Agency	County and Public Library System	
Winnefox Library System	Fond du Lac, Green Lake, Marquette; Winnefox LS	
Application Category	Total Federal Funds Requested	45,000.00
Shared Automation Systems		