



George A. Smathers Libraries
Grant Management Committee

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Dear Angela:

On behalf of the Library's Grant Management Committee we want to thank you for participating in this year's Mini Grant program; regretfully, we must inform you that the committee did not recommend funding of your proposal.

The committee received 13 grant proposals this year and, of these, 4 have been funded. Committee members evaluated all proposals according to the same criteria: individual merit and innovation, presentation and completeness of the proposal, appropriateness of the budgetary request, and long-term benefit to the library and university (including the potential to attract additional funding).

Although the committee found merit in all the proposals, some did not meet the standard of long-term benefit while others involved funding issues that passed beyond the scope of the mini-grant program. In particular, a number of proposals requested funding for work or acquisitions that are, in the committee's opinion, more appropriately addressed through other funding sources in the library budget.

The committee had the following comments about your proposal:

While seeing the need and benefit of signage and posters, the committee felt strongly this idea should be implemented and sustained as part of normal library operations rather than by a grant.

Given that the proposal also calls for more or less permanent displays in Library West, it would have been helpful to include a letter of support from a director, the Signage Committee or both.

The committee had some minor questions about the budget.

A member of the committee will be calling you to determine if you want or need clarification on this feedback.

Sincerely,

The Grant Management Committee:
Cathy Martyniak, Chair
Erich Kesse
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