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## FY23 Budget Process and Planning: Online Resources and Tools

We've heard from several directors who are starting the budget process for FY23 and would like confirmation on which resources they can expect the State Library to provide libraries next fiscal year.

As the State Library also looks ahead to FY23, we wanted to inform libraries about the upcoming budget process and our expectations for online resources and tools to help you make decisions about any additional resources your library may seek out to meet the needs of your community.

### State Library Funding Sources

The State Library receives funding from state appropriations and the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), which supports the bulk of the online resources and tools we offer libraries. In addition to staff salaries, programs, IA Shares, and other operating expenses, the funding sources support these online resources and tools:

- **State** funding supports: Brainfuse JobNow/VetNow
- **Federal** (IMLS) funding supports: Brainfuse HelpNow, Foundation Directory Online, OCLC FirstSearch, WhoFi

**While the federal and state budgets have not yet been set, the State Library has every intention to continue to provide the online resources and tools outlined above for libraries through FY23.**

### Federal and State Budget Process Overview

The new federal fiscal year started Oct. 1 without a set budget; however, negotiations are ongoing. Federal funding continues to be distributed at the previous year's levels through a continuing resolution approved by Congress (that expires tomorrow, December 3, and is expected to be renewed). The State Library is given two years to spend federal funding, so at this time we are still spending last year's appropriation and any hold-ups in the current process will not impact our ability to meet our current obligations.

The state budget process will begin in the upcoming legislative session which starts January 10. State agencies submit their budget requests to the governor ahead of session. The governor then presents a proposed budget to the Iowa legislature, which goes through the committee process and finally the to the floor for debate in each chamber. The budget must be approved by both chambers and is then sent to the Governor to sign. The new budget goes into effect beginning July 1.

We hope this helps you plan for your FY23 expenditures and gives some insight into the process by which the State Library receives funding. If you have any additional questions or need further clarification, please reach out to your District Consultant.



## Contact Your District Consultant

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