

**Northland Library Cooperative
National Library Legislative Day**

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Grant Application – 2018

Event: American Library Association, National Library Legislative Day (NLLD)

Place: Liason Hotel, Washington D.C.

Dates: May 6-8, 2018

Application Window: January 3-January 12, 2018

Introduction: NLLD activities begin on Sunday, May 6, 2018 with travel to Washington D.C. An optional ALA orientation for first time attendees is scheduled from 3-5 p.m. on Sunday. The next day, Monday, May 7, 2018, attendees meet in the hotel for a full day briefing on key library issues. An optional networking reception is held at a U.S. Senate office building Monday evening. After dinner, attendees will meet to discuss strategies for conducting congressional session scheduled for Tuesday, May 8, 2017. Flights should be scheduled for after 4 p.m. in order to have time to meet with Representatives and Senators and /or their aides.

Eligibility: The grants (there are two) are available to any current NLC Board member or NLC member library director. If there are positions still available after the application deadline, the spots may then be opened to member library Board members and/or staff members. Applications will be considered and awarded by a committee appointed and chaired by the NLC Board Chair. Funding is limited to the amounts approved by the NLC in the current cooperative budget (\$1,500 each).

Expenses- Grant covered Total amount budgeted per person is \$1,500.00

Registration: ALA registration fee for NLLD is \$75.00.

- **Hotel: Attendees are housed at the Headquarters hotel. Room and hotel taxes are included. Room rates this year are \$299 a night. Double occupancy is encouraged. Additional room charges are the responsibility of the attendee.**
- **Food:**
 - a. **Sunday dinner**
 - b. **Monday breakfast (continental at orientation provided by ALA)**
 - c. **Monday lunch and dinner (area restaurants)**
 - d. **Tuesday breakfast and lunch (area restaurants)**
- **Airfare (flight and transfers).**

Additional costs will be the responsibility of the Northland attendees.

Note: Whenever possible, attendees walk to meeting locations which are usually distances of up to a mile between the hotel and Capitol buildings. Taxis are available for those who choose to ride between locations.

Expectations: The NLC delegation will communicate with each other relative to travel details and go over key issues. We will be assigned to meet with aides (usually) of Reps and Senators. At those meetings be prepared to discuss how the various issues relate to your library situation. I recommend that we all attend the ALA orientation on Sunday, May 6.

Evaluation: Team members must be willing to share experiences at the August Advisory Council meeting and will be required to complete a brief written evaluation of the event upon return.

Applicant Name: _____

Library Affiliation: _____

Contact Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone (Cell): _____ **Phone (Work/Home)** _____

Email Address: _____

Please briefly explain why you are interested in participating in this opportunity and include any advocacy experience you may have:

Please direct questions and submit completed application to Roger Mendel at rmendel@northland.lib.mi.us or 231-855-2206.