

Recommendation to outsource the improvement of bibliographic records.

Recommendation:

The V-Cat Bibliographic and Interface Committee recommends that V-Cat Council approve the use of Special Project funds to outsource the improvement of Bibliographic records without subject headings when two or more libraries' items are attached.

If this work is outsourced, libraries who have the only item attached to a bibliographic record without subject headings may also choose to have improvement of their records outsourced at a cost of \$0.50 per record.

Explanation:

The estimated cost is \$3,500 for approximately 4,500 records. The number of records may change between now and the time files are sent to Backstage. This number of bibs without subject headings may decrease as libraries review their collections or improve records on their own. There is a \$500 setup fee and a cost of \$.50 per record searched or \$1.00 per record matched, whichever is less. To clarify, if the match rate is 50% or above, the cost will be \$.50 per record searched. If the match rate is below 50% the cost will be \$1 per match.