

Statewide LSTA Grant Applications 2014

Grant No.	Grant Title/Information	Request
1	Continuing Education	\$ 65,000
	<p>The Continuing Education project will support the professional development of staff in Nevada’s public, academic, special, and school libraries. Customers of these libraries will benefit from the improved skills, knowledge, or abilities gained by the library staff as a result of participating in continuing education activities. The project will provide the following services and activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshops, seminars, and other training opportunities offered in a variety of geographic locations and utilizing several modes of delivery on topics of interest to Nevada library staff and public library trustees. • A clearinghouse and calendar of free training opportunities available to Nevada library staff including those sponsored by agencies other than the Nevada State Library and Archives (NSLA). (Evanced Solutions calendar.) • Reimbursement for expenses incurred to travel to training locations at least 50 miles from the home library when local library funds are not available for that purpose. • Reimbursement of registration fees for professional continuing education when local library funds are not available for that purpose • Funding for a substitute to replace a staff member attending a training event so that the library can remain open to the public during their absence. • Funding for web conferencing software. 	
2	Information Nevada	\$ 10,000
	<p>The Information Nevada project supports equitable access to information by library patrons statewide. The Nevada State Library and Archives (NSLA) coordinates resource sharing for libraries and library users throughout the state via Inter-Library Loan and document delivery. Another critical part of the program is to provide support for postage for libraries that demonstrate need for Inter-library Loan (ILL) return postage costs.</p>	
3	Nevada Digital Initiative	\$ 101,620
	<p>The Nevada Statewide Digital Advisory Committee is currently involved in addressing a series of steps in the development of a digital infrastructure in Nevada. The work of the committee is guided by the <i>Nevada Statewide Digital Action Plan, 2009-2014</i>. The purpose of the digital plan is to assist Nevada’s cultural heritage organizations and allied information providers to: 1) preserve and provide access to the greatest amount of materials possible documenting Nevada’s history and development; 2) further the services of libraries, archives, museums, information centers and educational systems to meet expanding educational needs of students and residents; 3) develop their digital collections on a statewide basis; and 4) develop a digital information infrastructure. The steps being completed by the Advisory Committee include 1) finalizing a collection policy; 2) finalizing and publicizing a website that links existing projects; 3) promulgating statewide best practice/standards;</p>	

	4) creating local partnerships that would build up to statewide partnerships; 5) identifying and supporting sesquicentennial related digital activities; and 6) continuing support for the statewide digital advisory committee. In order to continue the work of the committee in 2014-2015, this grant application seeks to fund meetings of the advisory committee and appropriate task forces, digital project staff, digital training, support for the National Newspaper Digital Project, and related appropriate sesquicentennial activities.	
4	Statewide Bookmobile Support	\$ 26,000
	The Nevada State Library and Archives (NSLA) through the LSTA program and the State legislature have combined to support the bookmobiles in Elko, Humboldt and Lincoln counties. These three county libraries operate bookmobiles that serve some of the most rural and isolated communities in the state. This project continues the operational support costs for the named counties.	
5	Statewide Databases	\$ 400,000
	<p>This request will continue the statewide database project that provides access to online databases for the K-12 residents of Nevada whether at school, the public library or at home. Children and adults have access anywhere in the state of Nevada that an Internet connection is available. The Nevada Legislature continued funding for school libraries; however additional funding is needed for public libraries and remote access for all Nevada residents.</p> <p>The list of databases includes online full text, pictorial magazines and other reference information databases. Public libraries are providing the authentication portals needed for residents to access database information from home. The people of Nevada have access to an impressive range of information as a result of this project</p>	
6	Statewide Reading Programs	\$ 85,150
	<p>The need in Nevada for comprehensive lifespan efforts to ensure literacy continues to be an issue. As Nevada's population adjusts to the effects of the recession, it behooves the state to ensure a literate population which will result in a well educated and stable workforce to support and attract economic development. This project is designed to address the reading and literacy needs of Nevadans of all ages.</p> <p>Programs implemented include summer reading which occurs in Nevada's public libraries; El Día de los Niños/El Día de los Libros held in April of each year in recognition of Nevada's large Hispanic population (26% of total population in 2011); the Nevada Center for the Book, an affiliate of the Library of Congress Center for the Book, which implements literacy programs like Letters About Literature designed to address reflective thinking and other skills and supports adult reading programs; Nevada Reads, which encourages community and adult participation in a statewide read; collaborates with adult basic education to support library activities that serve the unemployed in Nevada, and provides for the implementation of a statewide information literacy initiative. The grant project provides for literacy information through the State Literacy Resource Center (SLRC), the Literacy Resources Directory, and literacy data available on the Nevada Center for the Book page and the State Data Center (SDC).</p>	

7	Nevada Talking Books Services	\$ 254,176
	<p>Nevada Talking Book Services (NTBS) is part of a the National Library Service's (NLS) free national program available to all U.S. citizens with an identified handicap that prevents them from reading materials in print format. NTBS administers the program to all qualifying Nevadans. This service focuses on providing and distributing free audio books, magazines, program specific players, access to Braille books, and downloading of digital books, Braille music scores and electronic copies of Braille books. This service also provides the staff to assist our patrons in utilizing this service to its fullest. The Keystone Library Automation System (KLAS) is a full service software system designed and developed for Talking Book libraries. This system benefits Talking Books staff and clients with improved reader advisory functions, accurate tracking of books and machines, reduced staff processing time of books to and from patrons, efficient item attaching, independent patron access to their accounts and titles in our collection through the Online Public Access Catalog (OPAC) as well as staff training and database support. Books about Nevada and/or written by Nevadans are typically not recorded by NLS. This grant provides a Recording Program Coordinator who identifies Nevada authors and titles to record; trains and coordinates scheduling of volunteers who record, edits and reviews selected books and magazines; catalogs books and magazines into the NTBS and national databases for sharing with any NLS patron nationwide; and provides material of local interest to NTBS patrons including Nevada magazines and government publications in the same format as NLS materials.</p>	