LIBRARY SERVICES AND TECHNOLOGY ACT

INTRODUCTORY WEBINAR

OCTOBER 2018
AGENDA

• About LSTA
• Nevada 5 Year LSTA Plans (past and present)
• New for 2018 LSTA
• 2018 LSTA Subgrant Proposal Process
ABOUT

The Library Services and Technology Act
• 1956: Congress passed the Library Services Act (LSA), authorizing $7.5 million annually for 5 years for the extension and improvement of public library service in rural areas.

• 1962: LSA was reauthorized as the Library Services and Construction Act (LSCA), removing restrictions that limited funding to rural libraries and adding Title II, which contained funds for remodeling or construction of library buildings.

• 1996: Congress shifted LSCA to the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) as Subchapter II of the Museum and Library Services Act, ending federal funding for library construction and replacing it with a focus on new information technologies.
LSTA

• The Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Grants to States is a federally funded grant program administered by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS)

• Authorized by:
  • 20 U.S.C. § 9121 (LSTA Purpose) and
  • 20 U.S.C. § 9141 (Grants to States)

• IMLS supports library services for the citizens of Nevada by awarding LSTA funds annually to the Nevada State Library, Archives and Public Records (NSLAPR).

NEVADA LSTA ALLOTMENT

• 2013: $1,664,773
• 2014: $1,720,752
• 2015: $1,731,619
• 2016: $1,760,954
• 2017: $1,766,043
• -Congress must authorize every year
“Today, the full House of Representatives voted as part of a large spending package (H.R. 3354) not to make any cuts in federal funding for the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), including all funding for its programs under the Library Services and Technology Act, and for the Department of Education’s Innovative Approaches to Literacy program...

With today’s vote, the House has now finished work for the FY 2018 appropriations cycle, at least until it must reconcile its bill to one eventually passed by the Senate. The full Senate is not likely to take up its own appropriations bill* until late this year...

Congratulations to everyone who contacted their representative. Your advocacy has put libraries in a great position at this point in the process; your persistence later this year will give us a strong finish.”

HOW ARE LSTA FUNDS USED?

LSTA funds help Nevada libraries solidify their roles as community educational centers, though planning, assessment, training, partnerships, building capacity, and identifying user access needs. In Nevada, funds support:

• Statewide initiatives and services (Talking Books, Rural Bookmobiles, Databases, Continuing Education, Center for the Book, ILL)

• Subawards to eligible libraries

• State Council on Libraries and Literacy Report to the Governor: [http://nsla.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/nslanvgov/content/Development/SCLL/SCLL%20Report%202017%20Final(3).pdf](http://nsla.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/nslanvgov/content/Development/SCLL/SCLL%20Report%202017%20Final(3).pdf)
THE PLAN

2013-2017, Evaluation
2018-2022, Moving Forward
Nevada State Library
Strategic Visioning Project

White Pine County Library, Ely  May 18, 10:30 am

Join us for a Community Conversation re: 21st Century Libraries
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Nevada State Library @NSLA_Ista #NVLib2021

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NEVADA LSTA FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS

• Current, Approved 5 Year plan that:
  • Meets Overall Purposes of LSTA (20 U.S.C. § 9121)
  • Meets Grants to States Priorities (20 U.S.C. § 9141)
  • https://www.imls.gov/grants/grants-state/purposes-and-priorities-lsta
• Evaluation of previous 5 year plan
• Match is calculated at 34% of the total program amount awarded in any given year.
• Maintenance of Effort (MOE) is how the federal LSTA statute requires Nevada to demonstrate, prior to receiving any library dollars, that the Nevada State Library has ‘maintained’ effort with state resources.
NEVADA LSTA 5 YEAR PLAN, 2018-2022

1. Strengthen Nevada libraries' ability to effectively respond to community needs through training, planning, and assessment.

2. Encourage Nevada libraries to develop and use partnerships and collaboration to maximize user resources and services throughout the state.

3. Nevada libraries will provide responsive and accessible learning environments that meet the needs of all Nevada residents.

4. Build capacity of libraries to meet evolving information access needs.

*same goals as 2013-2017 plan*
Key Findings:

In addition to meeting or surpassing all of the State-level goals presented in the 2013 – 2017 LSTA Plan, the Nevada State Library is addressing all LSTA Priorities in a significant way.

Overall, the LSTA Grants to States program has had a positive impact on Nevada’s 2013 – 2017 LSTA Plan goals and associated LSTA Grants to States priorities. Included in this progress is the targeted impact upon several groups, namely: families, youth, and children, minority populations, geographically diverse groups, individuals with disabilities, unemployed patrons, and the library workforce. Based on interview, survey, usage data, and anecdotal data, the programs have been well received.

http://nsla.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/nslanvgov/content/Development/Nevada_lstapanel_31_17_final.pdf
5 YEAR PLAN, 2013-2017 EVALUATION

Programmatic recommendations, summarized

• Timing
  • Application timeframe
  • Project timeframe

• Funding
  • Match
  • Participation of smaller jurisdictions

• Data
  • Collection
  • Reporting
  • Decision making
  • Long term trends
WHAT’S NEW

Federal Year 2018
PROGRAMMATIC UPDATES FOR 2018

• ONE Competitive or Mini grant per federal fiscal year (funding)
• Mini grant amount increased (timing, funding)
  • Up to $10K
• Application 1st Draft (timing)
• Micro grants (timing, funding)
  • No match required
  • Smaller grant periods (4 months)
  • Rolling application deadlines (3x per year)
• Surveys (data)
  • IMLS required surveys
  • Project Outcome
• “Measuring Success” Activities/Intents/Data Sets/Surveys (data)
NEW FOR 2018: IMLS INTENTS (FOCAL AREAS)

- **Lifelong Learning**
  - Improve users’ formal education
  - Improve users’ general knowledge and skills

- **Information Access**
  - Improve users’ ability to discover information resources.
  - Improve users’ ability to obtain and/or use information resources

- **Institutional Capacity**
  - Improve the library workforce
  - Improve the library’s physical and technological infrastructure
  - Improve library operations

- **Economic & Employment Development**
  - Improve users’ ability to use resources and apply information for employment support
  - Improve users’ ability to use and apply business resources

- **Human Services**
  - Improve users’ ability to apply information that furthers their personal, family, or household finances
  - Improve users’ ability to apply information that furthers their personal or family health & wellness
  - Improve users’ ability to apply information that furthers their parenting and family skills

- **Civic Engagement**
  - Improve users’ ability to participate in their community
  - Improve users’ ability to participate in community conversations around topics of concern
THE PROPOSAL

LSTA, Part 1

http://nsla.nv.gov/Development/LSTA_2018/ or
https://nsla.libguides.com/2018LSTA
WHO MAY SUBMIT A PROPOSAL?

LSTA Eligibility

• Is supported by public revenues (51% or more) or is a non-profit institution or agency;
• Makes the collection accessible to its primary clientele organized according to a nationally accepted classification system;
• Participates in resource sharing through the Information Nevada program;
• Serves its primary clientele free of charge;
• Has a fixed location with regular, published hours of operation;
• Has one or more paid library staff; Has an annual budget with funds reserved for library materials and services;
• Has a current, written long range or strategic plan that is available for review.

These criteria were approved by the Nevada State Council on Libraries and Literacy in May 2008.
ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

• **Public Libraries**: Must meet the Minimum Standards for Public Libraries;

• **School Libraries**: The school district employs at least one certified library/media specialist;

• **Academic Libraries**: Be accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities

• **Library Consortia**:
  - Be a Nevada local, regional, or statewide cooperative of library entities which provides for the systematic and effective coordination of resources of school, public, academic, and/or special libraries and information centers, for improved services for the clientele of such library entities [20 U.S.C. 9122(2)]; and
  - Have a formal organized structure that includes governance, membership, long range planning and regular funding components.

• **Non-profit library related organization**:
  - Be a non-profit entity registered with the Nevada Secretary of State; and
  - Have tax exempt status under the Internal Revenue Section 501(C)3.
WHY SUBMIT A PROPOSAL?

• Proposals are the first stage of the LSTA grant award process.
• Proposals allow eligible Nevada libraries to present a project idea to NSLAPR before investing time and resources into researching and writing a grant application.
• Elements of a proposed project, including amount of funds requested, may change from proposal to application.
PROPOSAL EVALUATION

• Indication of need
• Evidence of planning
• Client and/or community identification in project development
• Clarity
• Realistic budget estimates
• Potential benefit of the project and its contribution toward meeting local and statewide goals, objectives, and needs for library programs
BUDGET

Not allowable LSTA expenses per 2 CFR 200, subpart E

- Food and drink
- Lobbying expenses
- Items/services not related to the project and its timeline
- Fundraising
- Classroom book sets, textbooks, equipment/AV for the classroom
- Fixed assets

See Allowable Costs Tip Sheets: [https://nsla.libguides.com/2018LSTA/General](https://nsla.libguides.com/2018LSTA/General)
MATCH

• A 10% match is required for Competitive and Mini grants
• Match may be local cash, in-kind, or a combination.
• Example: a project requesting $5,000 of LSTA funds must have a minimum of $500 match – the total project would be $5,500 ($5,000 LSTA + $500 match = $ 5,500).
• Note: Lost revenue is not allowed for matching funds.
2018 GRANT TIMELINE

• Proposal
  • Feedback
• Application, 1st draft
  • Feedback
• Application, Final
• Evaluation & Ranking
  • Mini-NSLAPR
  • Competitive-State Council on Libraries and Literacy (SCLL)
• Approval at Spring SCLL meeting
• Funding Period: July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019
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