

## OVERVIEW OF GRANT PROGRAMS AVAILABLE FOR 2012-2013

### IMPORTANT DATES

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| September 20, 2011       | EZ and Project Grant guidelines posted<br>Letter of Intent instructions & form posted<br>NC Cardinal guidelines & application posted        |
| <b>November 8, 2011</b>  | Letter of Intent Forms due<br>NC Cardinal applications due  |
| November 15, 2011        | EZ Grant application forms posted   |
| December 16, 2011        | Letter of Intent and NC Cardinal applicants notified<br>Project Grant application forms provided to approved libraries                      |
| <b>February 16, 2012</b> | EZ and Project Grant applications due (including year 2 or 3)   |
| June 12, 2012            | EZ and Project Grant awards announced <a href="http://statelibrary.ncdcr.gov/lsta/lsta.htm">http://statelibrary.ncdcr.gov/lsta/lsta.htm</a> |

The 2012-2013 grant programs outlined in this Overview are aligned with the State Library of North Carolina's *Library Services and Technology Act Five-Year Plan 2008-2012* and its goals.

### Summary of Goals

The State Library of North Carolina's *Library Services and Technology Act Five-Year Plan for 2008-2012* consists of three goals. Each of the goals is related to one or more of the six LSTA purposes, is based on identified need, and strives toward excellence and equity in North Carolina's libraries. (<http://statelibrary.ncdcr.gov/lsta/plan2008-12.pdf>)

1. Enrich the lives of North Carolinians through enhanced and targeted programs and services in our libraries that address the needs of specific audiences.
2. Enhance information for lifelong learning for all North Carolinians by expanding the information resources in our state's libraries through strengthening, sharing, digitizing and preserving our valuable and unique collections.
3. Promote equal access to 21<sup>st</sup> century library services for all North Carolinians by providing contemporary and evolving technologies to our state's libraries through programs designed to address infrastructure, resources, and services.

For more information, contact Library Development at 919-807-7400.

**GOAL #1** Enrich the lives of North Carolinians through enhanced and targeted programs and services in our libraries that address the needs of specific audiences (Programs and Services).

| GRANT PROGRAM   | ELIGIBLE LIBRARIES   | MAXIMUM / MINIMUM GRANT REQUEST  | MATCH REQUIREMENT  |
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| <p><b><i>Library Outreach and Innovative Services Project Grants</i></b><br/>           Grants to support library programs and services for targeted communities of users who are currently unserved or underserved. Services must be based on an analysis and assessment of local needs.<br/> <b>Project Grant – Letter of Intent (LOI) Required</b></p> <p>Single year or multiyear projects allowable.</p>   | <p>Public &amp; academic libraries, including public, private &amp; community college libraries. Public school libraries and public school district media services administrative units.</p> | <p>Maximum:<br/>           \$50,000 annually for a single library system;<br/>           \$100,000 annually for a collaborative project of multiple library systems</p> <p>Minimum:<br/>           \$25,000 annually</p> | <p>Percent of grant amount requested:<br/>           Year 1, 10%<br/>           Year 2, 25%<br/>           Year 3, 50%</p> |
| <p><b><i>EZ Library Outreach and Innovative Services Grants</i></b><br/>           Grants to support library programs and services for targeted communities of users who are currently unserved or underserved. Services must be based on an analysis and assessment of local needs.<br/> <b>EZ Grant – No Letter of Intent Required</b></p>  | <p>Public &amp; academic libraries, including public, private &amp; community college libraries. Public school libraries and public school district media services administrative units.</p> | <p>Maximum:<br/>           \$25,000 for a single library system;</p> <p>Minimum:<br/>           \$5,000</p>  | <p>25% of grant amount requested</p>   |
| <p><b><i>EZ Planning Grants</i></b><br/>           Grants to support planning to meet the needs of the users, such as planning necessary to prepare an application for a specific LSTA Project Grant (Digitization, Library Outreach and Innovative Services, or Technology); space needs/reallocation; strategic/long-range planning; analysis of processes or workflows; or a comprehensive technology plan. Funds are primarily for consulting assistance.<br/> <b>EZ Grant – No Letter of Intent Required</b></p> | <p>Public &amp; academic libraries, including public, private &amp; community college libraries. Public school libraries and public school district media services administrative units.</p> | <p>Maximum:<br/>           \$20,000 for a single library system;<br/>           \$35,000 for a collaborative project of multiple library systems</p> <p>Minimum:<br/>           None</p>                                 | <p>None</p>  |

**GOAL #2** Enhance information for lifelong learning for all North Carolinians by expanding the information resources in our state's libraries through strengthening, sharing, digitizing and preserving our valuable and unique collections (Information Resources and Collections).

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| <p><b>Digitization Project Grants</b><br/>Grants to increase access and use of North Carolina's unique cultural holdings by helping libraries (and partners – other libraries and/or non-library cultural institutions, if appropriate) create online content and contextual information; prepare online finding aids; and incorporate Web cataloging or metadata into digitization projects. Single year or multiyear projects allowable.<br/><b>Project Grant – Letter of Intent (LOI) Required</b></p> | <p>Public &amp; academic libraries, including public, private &amp; community college libraries. Qualified state agency libraries. Qualified special libraries.</p>                                    | <p>Maximum:<br/>\$75,000 annually for a single library system;<br/>\$150,000 annually for a collaborative project of multiple institutions or systems</p> <p>Minimum:<br/>\$25,000 annually</p> <p>Projects under \$25,000: contact the NC Digital Heritage Center<br/><a href="http://digitalnc.org/">http://digitalnc.org/</a></p> | <p>10% of grant amount requested</p> |
| <p><b>EZ Planning Grants</b><br/>Grants to support planning to meet the needs of the users, such as planning necessary to prepare an application for a specific LSTA Project Grant (Digitization, Library Outreach and Innovative Services, or Technology); space needs/reallocation; strategic/long-range planning; analysis of processes or workflows; or a comprehensive technology plan. Funds are primarily for consulting assistance.<br/><b>EZ Grant – No Letter of Intent Required</b></p>        | <p>Public &amp; academic libraries, including public, private &amp; community college libraries. Qualified state agency libraries. Qualified special libraries.</p>                                    | <p>Maximum:<br/>\$20,000 for a single library system;<br/>\$35,000 for a collaborative project of multiple library systems</p> <p>Minimum:<br/>None</p>  | <p>None</p>                          |
| <p><b>EZ Strengthening Public &amp; Academic Library Collections Grants</b><br/>Grants to help public and academic libraries develop or strengthen their collections to meet specific user needs. This program is limited to books in any format and DVDs.<br/><b>EZ Grant – No Letter of Intent Required</b></p>   | <p>Public &amp; academic libraries, including public, private &amp; community college libraries that have not received this grant in the last three years (2009-2010, 2010-2011, &amp; 2011-2012).</p> | <p>Maximum:<br/>\$20,000</p> <p>Minimum:<br/>\$5,000</p>   | <p>25% of grant amount requested</p> |
| <p><b>EZ School Library Collection Development Grants</b><br/>This program is in transition and will not be offered this year. School Library Media Specialists are invited to join WebJunction and use the resources provided there. <a href="http://nc.webjunction.org/1">http://nc.webjunction.org/1</a></p>   |  |  |                                      |

**GOAL #3** Promote equal access to 21st century library services for all North Carolinians by providing contemporary and evolving technologies to our state's libraries through programs designed to address infrastructure, resources, and services (Technology).

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| <p><b>Technology Project Grants</b><br/>Grants to support technology-based projects to improve library services for users. Proposals in this category will consist primarily of technology expenditures (hardware, software, infrastructure, etc.) and must focus on library users and their needs rather than on the technology itself or staff benefits.<br/><b>Project Grant – Letter of Intent (LOI) Required</b></p> <p>Single year projects expected in most instances; multiyear projects may be considered.</p> | <p>Public &amp; academic libraries, including public, private &amp; community college libraries. Qualified state agency libraries. Qualified special libraries.</p> | <p>Maximum:<br/>\$100,000 annually for a single library system;<br/>\$150,000 annually for a collaborative project of multiple library systems</p> <p>Minimum:<br/>\$25,000</p> | <p>25% of grant amount requested</p> |
| <p><b>EZ Technology Grants</b><br/><b>Formerly Basic Equipment Grant</b><br/>Grants to support technology-based projects to improve library services for users. Proposals in this category will consist primarily of technology expenditures (hardware, software, infrastructure, etc.) and must focus on library users and their needs rather than on the technology itself or staff benefits.<br/><b>EZ Grant – No Letter of Intent Required</b></p>  | <p>Public &amp; academic libraries, including public, private &amp; community college libraries. Qualified state agency libraries. Qualified special libraries.</p> | <p>Maximum:<br/>\$25,000</p> <p>Minimum:<br/>\$2,500</p>  | <p>25% of grant amount requested</p> |
| <p><b>EZ Planning Grants</b><br/>Grants to support planning to meet the needs of the users, such as planning necessary to prepare an application for a specific LSTA Project Grant (Digitization, Library Outreach and Innovative Services, or Technology); space needs/reallocation; strategic/long-range planning; analysis of processes or workflows; or a comprehensive technology plan. Funds are primarily for consulting assistance.<br/><b>EZ Grant – No Letter of Intent Required</b></p>                      | <p>Public &amp; academic libraries, including public, private &amp; community college libraries. Qualified state agency libraries. Qualified special libraries.</p> | <p>Maximum:<br/>\$20,000 for a single library system;<br/>\$35,000 for a collaborative project of multiple library systems</p> <p>Minimum:<br/>None</p>                         | <p>None</p>                          |
| <p><b>NC Cardinal Grants</b><br/>Grants to support migrating automated system data into the NC Cardinal consortium, a public library shared catalog and statewide library card project.<br/><b>No Letter of Intent Required</b></p>   | <p>Public libraries</p>   | <p>Not applicable</p>   | <p>None</p>                          |