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MEMORANDUM

TO: North Carolina Library Directors
FROM: Mary Boone, State Librarian
DATE: September 16, 2008
SUBJECT: Announcement of LSTA Grant Opportunities for 2009-2010 and Mid-year 2008-2009

On behalf of the State Library and the LSTA Advisory Committee, I am pleased to announce Library Services and Technology Act grant opportunities available for eligible North Carolina libraries. This announcement includes the Mid-year Planning Grant for the current 2008-2009 grant year, and grants in seven categories for the 2009-2010 year. **November 18, 2008 is the submission deadline for 2008-09 Mid-year Planning Grant applications and 2009-2010 Letters of Intent.**

PLANNING GRANTS FOR 2008-2009, MID-YEAR CYCLE

Submission Date: November 18, 2008.

This grant program combines three previously separate grants (planning, technology planning, and LSTA project planning). Applicants requesting funds for any planning purposes will use this single category. This program does not have a matching requirement. See complete Guidelines and Application form at <http://statelibrary.dcr.state.nc.us/lsta/PlngGLApp08-09Mid.pdf>.

GRANTS FOR 2009-2010

See the OVERVIEW of all grant programs available for 2009-2010 at <http://statelibrary.dcr.state.nc.us/lsta/Overview2009-10.pdf>. The Overview includes brief information for Project Grants (requiring a Letter of Intent) and for EZ Grants.

Project Grants. Submission Date for Letters of Intent: November 18, 2008.

The following Project Grant programs have a two-step process, with the first step being a required Letter of Intent (LOI). You will find complete information for these three grants and the LOI application form at <http://statelibrary.dcr.state.nc.us/lsta/2009-2010Grants.htm>. Applicants whose Letters of Intent are approved proceed to the second step, submission of full applications, due February 19, 2009.

- Library Outreach Services Grants
- NC ECHO Digitization Grants
- Technology Grants

EZ Grants. These grants do not require a Letter of Intent. Due Date: February 19, 2009.

Complete guidelines and application forms for these EZ grants will be available December 18, 2008, at <http://statelibrary.dcr.state.nc.us/lsta/2009-2010Grants.htm>.

- Basic Equipment Grants (primarily computers for library user Internet access)
- Planning Grants
- School Library Collection Development Grants (for print books)
- Strengthening Public and Academic Library Collections Grants (for print books)

February 19, 2009 is the due date for both EZ Grant applications and full Project Grant applications.

These LSTA funded grant programs are made possible by an award to the State Library of North Carolina by the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services.

State Library staff will be pleased to answer your questions. Please contact Penny Hornsby, Federal Programs Consultant, 919-807-7420, <penny.hornsby@ncmail.net>; or Grant Pair, Assistant State Librarian for Statewide Development Programs, 919-807-7408, <grant.pair@ncmail.net>.



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