



## North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources

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### MEMORANDUM

**TO: School Library Media Specialists**

**FROM: Sandra M. Cooper, State Librarian**

**DATE: October 10, 2003**

**SUBJECT: Announcement of LSTA 2004-2005 Local Project Grant Programs**  
**Deadline: Letters of Intent – November 21, 2003**  
**Deadline: Proposals – February 20, 2004**

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On behalf of the LSTA Advisory Committee and the State Library staff, I am pleased to announce the LSTA Local Project Grant Programs that will be available for 2004-2005. School library media centers are eligible to apply for the following:

- **Community-Centered Outreach Grants:** to help implement library services for communities of users who are currently unserved or underserved. Multiyear grants are allowed. Maximum grant: The maximum grant request is \$50,000 unless the project is a collaborative effort of multiple eligible libraries, in which case the maximum grant request is \$100,000. The minimum grant request is \$5,000.
- **Powerful Partners Collaboration Grants:** to support collaborative projects focusing on youth. Projects must be designed and implemented by community teams. Maximum grant: \$50,000. Minimum grant: \$5,000.

The Letter of Intent form and guidelines for both programs are available now for viewing or downloading at the State Library's Web site [<http://statelibrary.dcr.state.nc.us/lsta/lsta.htm>].

Information on EZ LSTA grant programs that do not require a letter of intent will be available in late December 2003. The final deadline for all applications is February 20, 2004.

Additional information about the following important changes in North Carolina's LSTA grant programs are available in the grant guidelines and on the LSTA Web site:

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- Libraries may now propose multiyear projects for Community-Centered Outreach Services Grants.
- Now that the Supreme Court has ruled on the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA), **every** library that submits an LSTA grant application *must* also submit forms indicating whether CIPA requirements will apply to them. Those libraries that must comply are required to submit documents certifying their compliance.

The State Library staff will be delighted to answer your questions. Please contact Federal Programs Consultant Penny Hornsby at 919.807.7420 or [phornsby@library.dcr.state.nc.us](mailto:phornsby@library.dcr.state.nc.us).