



## North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources

State Library of North Carolina  
Administration and Library Development

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### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Public and Academic Library Directors

**FROM:** Penelope M. Hornsby, Federal Programs Consultant

**DATE:** October 4, 2005

**SUBJECT:** Announcement of LSTA 2006-2007 Project Grants  
Deadline: Letters of Intent – November 21, 2005  
Deadline: Proposals – February 22, 2006

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On behalf of the LSTA Advisory Committee and the State Library staff, I am pleased to announce the 2006-2007 LSTA Project Grants. The enclosed sheet provides an overview of the six programs.

Please note:

- The Letter of Intent application form and the guidelines for the grants that require this preliminary application are available for viewing or downloading at <http://statelibrary.dcr.state.nc.us/lsta/lsta.htm>. If you wish to apply for one of these programs, your Letter of Intent is due on November 21, 2005.
- Information on EZ LSTA grant programs that do not require a Letter of Intent will be available in late December 2005.
- The final deadline for all applications is February 22, 2006.

We also call your attention to the following:

- Innovation Grants are a new program available for 2006-2007. Concepts must be discussed with State Library staff prior to submitting a Letter of Intent.
- Libraries may propose multiyear projects in four categories: Innovation Grants, Library Outreach Services Grants (formerly Community-Centered Outreach Services), NC ECHO Digitization Grants, and NC ECHO Heritage Partners Grants.

The State Library staff will be pleased 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).

Enclosure

## State Library of North Carolina LSTA Project Grant Programs, 2006-2007

The following grant programs will be available to eligible libraries for implementation in 2006-2007. Project Grants have a two-step application process:

- Letter of Intent – Due November 21, 2005
- Full Grant Application – Due February 22, 2006

Six Project Grants are available for 2006-2007:

- **Automated System Grants:** to assist in purchasing new or upgraded automated library systems (including joining an existing shared system, or assist in establishing new shared library automated system consortia) or system components to insure that libraries meet the “Minimum Standards for Library Automation in North Carolina.” Libraries proposing to implement a shared automated system for a consortium must apply for a Technology Planning Grant and complete it successfully before applying for an Automated System Grant. Maximum grant: \$100,000 for a single library; \$150,000 for a new shared system. Minimum grant: \$7,500. Match required: 25% of grant amount.
- **Innovation Grants:** to support projects designed to test a concept or to demonstrate new approaches or new services. Projects must have a solid evaluation component, and must result in formal reports that are shared with North Carolina’s library community. **Concepts must be discussed with State Library staff prior to submitting a Letter of Intent.** *Multiyear grants allowed.* Maximum grant: \$100,000. Minimum grant: \$1,000.
- **Internet Infrastructure Improvement Grants:** to assure that libraries have adequate infrastructure to provide well-managed user access to the Internet and to NC LIVE resources. Training labs are included in this category. Maximum grant: \$100,000. Minimum grant: \$7,500. Match required: 25% of grant amount.
- **Library Outreach Services Grants (previously titled Community-Centered Outreach Services Grants):** to help implement library services for targeted audiences of users who are currently unserved or underserved. *Multiyear grants allowed.* Maximum grant: The maximum grant request is \$50,000 annually unless the project is a collaborative effort of multiple eligible libraries, in which case the maximum grant request is \$100,000 annually. Minimum grant: \$5,000 annually. Match required: 10% of grant amount for a one-year project, or year one of a multiyear project. For multiyear projects the local contribution must increase each year: second year; 25% of grant amount; third year, 50% of grant amount.
- **NC ECHO Digitization Grants:** to encourage the use of digital technologies to improve access to the unique cultural holdings of North Carolina’s libraries, museums, archives and historical societies. *Multiyear grants allowed.* Maximum grant: \$50,000 for a single library; \$75,000 for a collaborative project. Minimum grant: \$10,000. Match required: 10% of grant amount.
- **NC ECHO Heritage Partners Grants:** to create online collections important to the history and cultural heritage of North Carolina. Requires multiyear projects and collaboration with partner institutions that must include at least one non-library institution, such as a museum. *To qualify, an applicant must have substantial experience in digitization and also have completed an LSTA Project Planning Grant.* Maximum grant: \$150,000 annually. Minimum grant: \$25,000 annually. Match required: 10% of grant amount.

Information on EZ LSTA grant programs that do not require a Letter of Intent will be available in late December 2005.

An overview of all 2006-2007 grant programs, and all available guidelines and application packages will be found on the State Library’s LSTA web page at <http://statelibrary.dcr.state.nc.us/lsta/lsta.htm>.