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TO: District Superintendents; District School Library Media Coordinators; Public School Library Media Specialists

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

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 two project grant programs for which public school library media centers are eligible to apply. The two programs include Library Outreach Services Grants, and Innovation Grants.

Please note:

- Application for these project grants is a two-step process. A Letter of Intent is the first step. If you wish to apply for these grants, your Letter of Intent is due on November 21, 2005.
- 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>.
- 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. (The School Library Collection Development Grant is an EZ LSTA grant and does not require a Letter of Intent.)

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. Library/media center administrative units of public school districts are eligible to apply.
- Libraries may propose multiyear projects for both the Innovation Grants and Library Outreach Services Grants.

The State Library staff will be very pleased to answer your questions. Please contact Federal Programs Consultant Penny Hornsby at 919.807.7420, or <phornsby@library.dcr.state.nc.us>.

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LSTA Project Grant Programs for Public School Libraries, 2006-2007

The following grant programs will be available to eligible public school library media centers 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

Two Project Grants are available for public school library media centers for 2006-2007:

Library Outreach Services Grants (formerly Community-Centered Outreach Services Grants): to help extend school library media services to members of the school community (i.e. students and the adults who support those children in their learning -- teachers, staff and parents) who are currently unserved or underserved. Services for the target audience must be based on local needs assessments.

Multiyear projects allowed. Maximum grant: \$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.

Innovation Grants: projects are designed to test a concept or to demonstrate new approaches or new services. An Innovation Grant must have a solid evaluation component that is integrated into every step of the project. Projects 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 projects allowed. Maximum grant: \$100,000 annually. Minimum grant: \$1,000 annually. Match required: 10% of grant amount.

Library/media center administrative units of public school districts are eligible to apply. See complete list of eligible entities in the Information and Guidelines for this grant found at <http://statelibrary.dcr.state.nc.us/lsta/lsta.htm>.

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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 the URL above.