

**LIBRARY SERVICES AND TECHNOLOGY ACT
STATE LIBRARY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

OVERVIEW OF GRANT PROGRAMS AVAILABLE FOR 2004-2005

Project Grants

Awarded for more complex projects, Project Grants have locally defined outcomes that meet the grant program criteria. Generally, Project Grants award funding at a higher level than EZ grants.

The LSTA Annual Program sets criteria for Project Grants, and the State Library invites applicants to submit Letters of Intent (LOI). The LSTA Advisory Committee reviews the Letters of Intent and makes recommendations based on those criteria following preliminary review by State Library staff. If a library's LOI is approved, then it is invited to submit a full application. State Library staff as well as peer reviewers evaluate full grant applications. The LSTA Advisory Committee reviews the applications and the reviewers' ratings and makes its funding recommendations to the State Librarian.

Here is a summary of the Project Grants for 2004-2005, which require a Letter of Intent (LOI). Guidelines and the LOI application will be available October 10, 2003. The LOI is due November 21, 2003; approval will be announced by December 19. Final, full proposals for libraries with approved Letters of Intent will be due February 20, 2004.

| GRANT PROGRAM BY TOPIC | ELIGIBLE LIBRARIES | MAXIMUM REQUEST | MATCH REQUIREMENT |
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| Technology / Automation | | | |
| <i>Automated System Grants</i> Grants to local libraries to assist in purchasing new or upgraded automated library systems (including joining an existing shared system) or system components (hardware, software, servers) to ensure that their systems meet the " <i>Minimum Standards for Library Automation in North Carolina</i> ". | Public & academic libraries, including public, private & community college. | \$100,000 | 25% of grant amount requested |
| <i>Internet Infrastructure Improvement Grants</i> Grants to assure that libraries have adequate infrastructure to provide well-managed user access to the Internet and to NC LIVE Resources. Potential projects: management of workstation and printing access, special equipment for training, and improvements to bandwidth. | Public & academic libraries, including public, private & community college. | \$100,000 | 25% of grant amount requested |
| <i>NC ECHO Digitization Grants</i> Grants for digital technologies to improve access to the unique cultural holdings of North Carolina's libraries, museums, archives and historical societies. | Public & academic libraries, including public, private & community college. | \$50,000 for a single library; \$75,000 for a collaborative project | 10% of grant amount requested |

Project Grants, continued

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| Technology / Automation | | | |
| <p>NC ECHO Heritage Partners Grants Grants for libraries with substantial experience in digitization to lead a large, multiyear project with partner institution(s)(including at least one non-library institution such as a museum) to create an online resource on a topic of significant statewide interest. Multiyear required.</p> | Public and academic libraries, including public, private & community college. | \$150,000 annually | 10% of grant amount requested |
| Services / Programs | | | |
| <p>Grants for Community-Centered Outreach Services (Unserved/Underserved) Grants to support library services and programs for unserved and underserved people based on local needs assessments. Single year, or Multiyear projects allowable.</p> | Public & academic libraries, including public, private & community college. Public school libraries. | \$50,000 annually (\$100,000 annually for multi-library collaborative projects) | 10% of grant amount requested |
| <p>Powerful Partners Collaboration Grants Grants to support collaborative projects focusing on youth. Projects must be designed and implemented by community teams.</p> | Public & academic libraries, including public, private & community college. Public school libraries | \$50,000 | 10% of grant amount requested |

EZ Grants

With a simplified application process, EZ Grants are used for programs with clearly defined purposes and outcomes. The LSTA Advisory Committee sets criteria for each EZ Grant program as part of the Annual Program. State Library staff reviews applications and determines funding decisions based on those criteria. EZ Grants do not require a letter of intent, and applicants have the opportunity to appeal funding decisions to the LSTA Advisory Committee.

There are two subcategories of EZ Grants:

- EZ Grants: applications for this grant category use simple forms that require little information other than a basic description of project plans. Libraries are expected to describe plans that are consistent with grant guidelines in order to qualify for funding.
- EZ Expanded Grants: applications for this grant category require more extensive information about local needs and plans for using the funds.

Here is a summary of the EZ Grants for 2004-2005. Full information on these programs will be released on December 19, 2003, and applications will be due on February 20, 2004.

| GRANT PROGRAM | ELIGIBLE LIBRARIES | MAXIMUM GRANT REQUEST | MATCH REQUIREMENT |
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| Technology / Automation | | | |
| Basic Equipment Grants Grants for computer hardware/software to ensure adequate user access to the Internet and NC LIVE resources, including workstations that provide access for people with disabilities. Allows applications for funding to <u>replace</u> computers for user Internet access. | Public & academic libraries, including public, private & community college. State agency libraries. | \$25,000 | 15% of grant amount requested |
| NC ECHO Digitization Starter Grants Grants for basic equipment and training to help libraries "get started" with digitization of their primary research materials. | Public & academic libraries, including public, private & community college. State agency libraries | \$8,000 | None |
| Services/Programs | | | |
| School Library Collection Development Grants Grants to provide assistance to school library media centers in building strong curriculum-related print collections that are accurate, current, and attractive. | Public school libraries | \$10,000 | 50% of grant amount requested (\$1 for \$2) |

EZ Grants, continued

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| Planning | | | |
| <p>Planning Grants Grants to support consulting assistance to help ensure effective planning for general programs/services, youth services, and facilities.</p> | Public & academic libraries, including public, private & community college. State agency libraries. | \$15,000 | None |
| <p>Grants for Marketing Plan Implementation Funds to aid public and academic libraries in implementing their marketing/communications plan, developed during two-part workshops offered summer & fall 2003.</p> | Public & academic libraries, including public, private & community college. Staff must have participated in marketing workshops. | \$50,000 | 10% of grant amount requested |
| <p>Grants for Planning LSTA Projects Funds to assist libraries in carrying out needs assessments and collaborative planning as phase one of an LSTA Local Project grant.</p> | Public & academic libraries, including public, private & community college; Public school libraries. Libraries must qualify for the full grant program for which they would plan. | \$15,000 | None |
| <p>Technology Planning Grants Grants to support consulting assistance to help ensure effective planning for technology, including planning for integrated automated library systems.</p> | Public & academic libraries, including public, private & community college. State agency libraries. | \$20,000 (\$35,000 for multi-library collaborative projects) | None |