

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

GRANT PROGRAMS AVAILABLE TO PUBLIC SCHOOL LIBRARIES FOR 2004-2005

Project Grants -- Letter of Intent Required

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.

GRANT PROGRAM BY TOPIC	ELIGIBLE LIBRARIES	MAXIMUM REQUEST	MATCH REQUIREMENT
Services / Programs			
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.	Public school libraries. Public & academic libraries, including public, private & community college.	\$50,000 annually (\$100,000 annually for multi-library collaborative projects)	10% of grant amount requested
Powerful Partners Collaboration Grants Grants to support collaborative projects focusing on youth. Projects must be designed and implemented by community teams.	Public school libraries. Public & academic libraries, including public, private & community college.	\$50,000	10% of grant amount requested

Important Dates

October 10, 2003	Guidelines and Letter of Intent applications available for Project Grants
November 21, 2003	Letter of Intent due for Project Grants
December 19, 2003	Approval of Letters of Intent announced
December 19, 2003	Guidelines and applications available for EZ Grants
February 20, 2004	ALL PROPOSALS DUE

Complete *Information and Guidelines* for LSTA grant programs may be found at <<http://statelibrary.dcr.state.nc.us/lsta/lsta.htm>>.

EZ Grants -- Letter of Intent Not Required

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.

GRANT PROGRAM	ELIGIBLE LIBRARIES	MAXIMUM GRANT REQUEST	MATCH REQUIREMENT
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)
Planning			
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.	Public school libraries. Public & academic libraries, including public, private & community college; Libraries must qualify for the full grant program for which they would plan. School libraries could ONLY plan for Community-Centered Outreach Services and/or for Powerful Partner Collaboration grants.	\$15,000	None

Important Dates for EZ Grants

December 19, 2003 Guidelines and applications available for EZ Grants
February 20, 2004 ALL PROPOSALS DUE

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