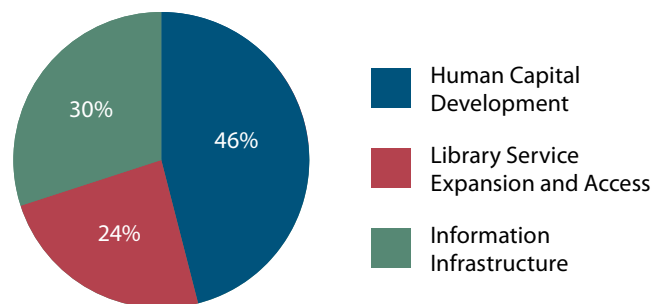


# LSTA GRANTS TO STATES PROFILE: DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

## District of Columbia

### Projects by Strategy, FY 2003–2006



This fact sheet provides information about the State Library Administrative Agency, LSTA Grants to States programs by category, expenditures by fiscal year (2003–2006), interview highlights with the chief officer, and the program goals for 2008–2012.

### State Library Administrative Agency Information

<b>Agency name</b>	District of Columbia Public Library
<b>Agency governance</b>	Reports to an external board
<b>Population served in 2006</b>	585,419
<b>FY 2006 total expenditures</b>	\$35,923,000
<b>Grants to States allotment total for FY 2003–2006</b>	\$2,967,101
<b>Chief Officer</b>	Ginnie Cooper, Chief Librarian & State Librarian
<b>Web site</b>	www.dclibrary.org

### Interview Highlights with the Chief Officer, Ginnie Cooper

#### Greatest Program Impact in the Last Five Years:

“In the past the greatest impact has been sustaining the adult literacy program. Literacy continues to be a critical issue in the District.”

#### Delivery of Library Services:

“The D.C. Public Library is different than other State Library Agencies in that there is only one public library. In the past, much of the focus for LSTA dollars was inward. Now we are really trying to pay attention to the LSTA plan and to the library and information needs of all of the people in the District. Interstate initiatives in the region may also be important in the future.”

#### Challenges in the Coming Five Years:

1. Inadequate funding. The fight gets harder all the time.
2. The real challenge is the transformation of the library. It's hard to sustain transformation. We can't get voices/advocates to support the services we don't

### Program Data by Fiscal Year, FY 2003–2006

District of Columbia	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	All Years
<b>Total Allotment</b>	\$598,204	\$736,531	\$790,234	\$842,132	\$2,967,101
<b>Number of projects reported</b>	12	9	13	15	49
<b>Largest project amount</b>	\$209,632	\$214,338	\$270,225	\$236,318	
<b>Median Project Amount</b>	\$24,866	\$50,817	\$16,843	\$23,490	

offer yet. In the big picture, LSTA dollars are relatively small—marginal, you might say. But a lot of transformation starts at the margins. That’s why the LSTA Grants to States program is so important.

**Program Goals for 2008–2012**

- All District of Columbia residents can read.
- All District of Columbia residents have equal access to quality information resources that are relevant to their lives.
- All District of Columbia residents are served by libraries that improve access to library resources and services by collaborating with other libraries and with nonprofit agencies, other units of government, and businesses in the community.

**Exemplary Project:  
Capital City Public Charter School Library**

<b>Project title</b>	See Me, Hear Me, Write Me
<b>Library</b>	Capital City Public Charter School Library
<b>LSTA Funds Expended FY06</b>	\$5,000
<b>Total Cost FY06</b>	\$5,000
<b>Program Category</b>	Human Capital Development

The Capital City Public Charter School (CCPCS) partnered with the Mt. Pleasant branch library for a poetry project called “See Me, Hear Me, Write Me.” The student body at CCPCS is composed of 36 percent African Americans, 31 percent whites, and 27 percent Latinos. Nearly half—46 percent—qualify for free or reduced-price lunch and 16 percent are limited or not proficient in the use of English. The purpose of the project was to keep students who were coming close to middle school age interested in reading and in using writing to express themselves. The poetry project was also seen as a way to work with students as a group, even though they might have differing reading levels, to build their skills and confidence in the use of words.