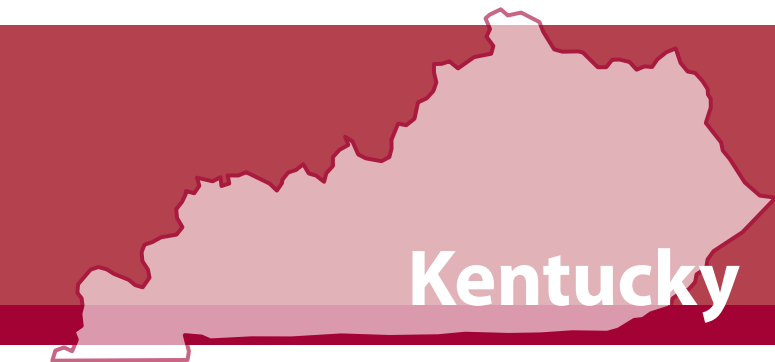
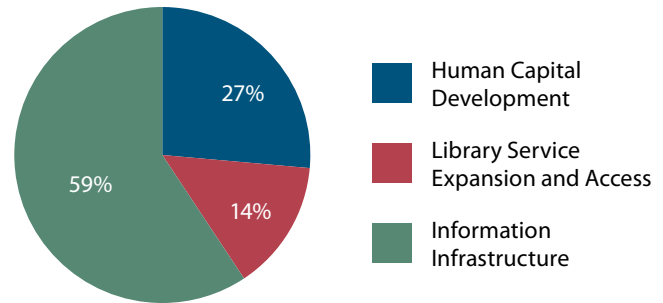


LSTA GRANTS TO STATES PROFILE: KENTUCKY



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

Agency name	Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives
Agency governance	Under the Department of Education
Population served in 2006	4,199,440
FY 2006 total expenditures	\$17,349,000
Grants to States allotment total for FY 2003–2006	\$9,345,115
Chief Officer	Wayne Onkst, State Librarian
Web site	www.kdla.ky.gov

Interview Highlights with the Chief Officer, Wayne Onkst

Greatest Program Impact in the Last Five Years:

1. Grants directly to libraries allow those libraries to try new things that they otherwise wouldn't do. Most of the time the library finds the funds to continue the program after the LSTA project is over if it is successful. Live homework help is an example (tutor.com). They would never have tried that without the first LSTA funds.
2. We provide grants to plan automation and to automate. Many small libraries couldn't have done that without the funding provided thru LSTA.
3. Two-thirds of the libraries in Kentucky are without an MLS as a director. We offer scholarships for getting an MLS. We have an extensive continuing education program and are making progress in training librarians. LSTA has been critical in training librarians and trustees.

Program Data by Fiscal Year, FY 2003–2006

Kentucky	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	All Years
Total allotment	\$2,191,121	\$2,329,448	\$2,384,878	\$2,439,668	\$9,345,115
Number of projects reported	48	53	50	47	198
Largest project amount	\$360,883	\$356,185	\$299,025	\$302,887	
Median project amount	\$17,369	\$13,871	\$19,968	\$28,856	

Delivery of Library Services:

“Kentucky public libraries are organized by county. There are 120 counties; 118 have public library services; three counties combine to provide services. One hundred and five counties have public library districts, separate taxing units. We use LSTA to support primarily public libraries. We don’t have cooperatives; we have regional consultants, funded by the state, who are stationed around the state. We reduced from 12 to eight of them because of budget limitations. There are many library directors without an MLS, some with no experience; regional consultants help them and trustees too.”

Challenges in the Coming Five Years:

1. Funding! Resources are being restricted; it’s hard to find money, especially for new programs, continuing education, and technology.
2. Keeping up with technology; we have a good start, but it’s never ending!
3. Finding qualified staff and keeping them trained is an ongoing challenge.
4. We would like to do more grants for innovative programs and offer more money for continuing education.

Program Goals for 2008–2012

- Provide a central source of information and resource sharing activities that support libraries in their efforts to meet their customers’ needs.
- Enhance the ability of libraries in Kentucky to meet the challenges presented by new technologies, and increase the electronic linkages between libraries statewide and the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives
- Provide, support, improve, and expand library programming and services available to the underserved, unserved, and special-needs populations of Kentucky.
- Strengthen the statewide library system by providing a competent, qualified workforce to deliver services and programs addressed in the six LSTA purposes.

Exemplary Project: Kentucky Regional Talking Book Library

Project title	Talking Book – Kentucky Regional
Library	Kentucky Regional Talking Book Library
LSTA Funds Expended FY06	\$28,856
Total Cost FY06	\$28,856
Program Category	Library Service Expansion and Access

The Kentucky Regional Talking Book Library (KTBL) provided direct services to patrons by circulating reading materials in alternative formats and the necessary playback equipment via the U.S. Postal Service. Customized service was provided to each patron, assisting them with book selection, equipment replacement, circulation adjustment, reference, and referral. Brochures, catalogs, newsletters, and patron guides were used to recruit new patrons and introduce them to the services available. A new easier and faster digital recording system with improved sound quality was purchased to record books of local interest for patrons.

During the project year, KTBL began inducting patrons into the Kentucky chapter of the NLS 10² Club for patrons over 100 years of age who are still actively engaged in reading Braille or talking books. The first inductee was Mrs. Helen Pohl of Lexington, KY, who used talking books to take part in book club discussions held at her assisted living facility. Kentucky’s first lady, Glenna Fletcher, attended the event and presented an Unbridled Spirit Award to Mrs. Pohl.

Six other patrons have been inducted since that time, and all have expressed their appreciation for the recognition. One KTBL patron, a recent immigrant from the Middle East, used Braille books to learn English and is in the process of becoming a U.S. citizen.