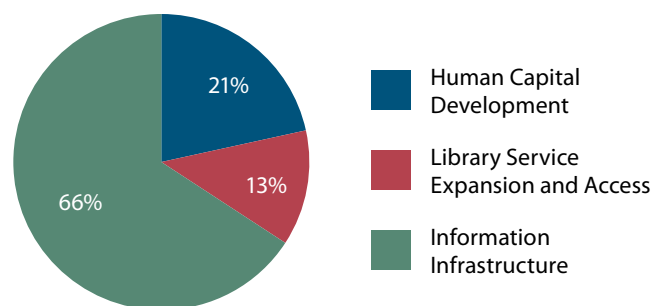


LSTA GRANTS TO STATES PROFILE: UTAH



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	Utah State Library
Agency governance	Under the Department of Community and Culture
Population served in 2006	2,585,155
FY 2006 total expenditures	\$8,380,000
Grants to States allotment total for FY 2003–2006	\$6,164,318
Chief Officer	Donna Jones Morris, State Librarian
Web site	http://library.utah.gov

Interview Highlights with the Chief Officer, Donna Jones Morris

Greatest Program Impact in the Last Five Years:

“The most significant impact from LSTA funding is major support for PUBLIC PIONEER, Utah’s online library of electronic resources, which provides unequalled access to premium databases statewide.

“LSTA resources support the Library for the Blind and Disabled by purchasing large print books, operating the radio reading service, and reader’s advisory. The Utah State Library (USL) provides Braille library services to people in 22 states, including full service to Wyoming, by mailing more than two tons of materials daily.

Delivery of Library Services:

“Utah does not have systems, cooperatives, or consortia serving its public libraries; thus, considerable training and consulting are provided through USL in support of its public library certification program. State Library consultants assist libraries to meet certification standards

Program Data by Fiscal Year, FY 2003–2006

Utah	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	All Years
Total allotment	\$1,387,588	\$1,525,917	\$1,592,429	\$1,658,384	\$6,164,318
Number of projects reported	74	56	41	52	223
Largest project amount	\$234,778	\$390,210	\$372,223	\$367,901	
Median project amount	\$6,597	\$7,002	\$7,500	\$7,500	

to provide the best possible service, and to receive state funds. Utah has 56 certified public library entities, with 124 separate facilities, and two county bookmobiles.

“USL allocates LSTA funds to public, academic, school, and special libraries, through the LSTA Advisory Council and the State Library Board. Except for population concentrations throughout Salt Lake valley, Utah’s population is widely dispersed, requiring state and LSTA funds for rural bookmobile services by State Library staff in 15 counties from 10 bookmobiles.

“Utah used LSTA and state funds to build capabilities to work with ethnic populations, starting with quickly growing Hispanic groups, and expanding to our Native American population. State Library- and LSTA- funded workshops are teaching public librarians how to best meet the needs of these special populations, and providing outreach to the ethnic groups and targeted basic collections.”

Challenges in the Coming Five Years:

1. USL’s biggest challenge is funding shortfalls that are just beginning to impact state government. The State Library budget was cut significantly in FY 2009 and FY 2010 with major impact on every program.
2. Buildings/facilities are aging. A 21st Century Library Needs Assessment published by USL in 2002 found that 63 percent of all public library buildings had been constructed before 1980 and by 2010, 82 percent will be more than 20 years old.
3. The future of K–12 media centers and their teacher librarian staffing is a major concern, due to schools continually reducing the number of certified media specialists.
4. Technology is major challenge because of the insufficient resources to meet the ever-changing technology needs and training requirements.
5. Many library leaders are retiring. It is essential that LSTA priorities included leadership training and continuing education.

Program Goals for 2008–2012

- Increase the ability of Utah’s libraries to provide quality information services and resources to their patrons by

providing access to Internet-based educational, recreational, and informational resources, and by providing materials available from other libraries.

- To support the diffusion of library resources, services, and information via the Internet; providing public access to unique historical materials related to Utah.
- Enable Utah’s libraries to maintain an up-to-date and robust technology infrastructure in order to assure that Utahns can access networked information efficiently and effectively through their libraries.
- Serve targeted populations in Utah that require customized assistance in accessing library and information services and materials by assisting Utah’s libraries to acquire special equipment, hardware and/or software, to build collections in customized formats or in languages other than English, or to offer customized training opportunities, in-house, or outreach programs.

Exemplary Project: Utah State Library Division

Project title	PIONEER: Utah’s Online Library
Library	Utah State Library Division
LSTA Funds Expended FY06	\$367,901
Total Cost FY06	\$367,901
Program Category	Human Capital Development, Library Service Expansion and Access

PIONEER, Utah’s Online Library (<http://pioneer.utah.gov>) provides premium Internet resources to public library patrons of Utah, supplementing their library experience with extensive online information not available on the free internet. The Utah State Library Division negotiates with database vendors to provide statewide access to premium Internet resources such as full-text newspaper and magazine databases, business information, genealogical information, school report resources, auto repair manuals, etc. It collaborates with academic and K–12 partners to provide statewide access to these resources and provides training in the use of the resources, through in-person training workshops, both at the State Library and across the state.