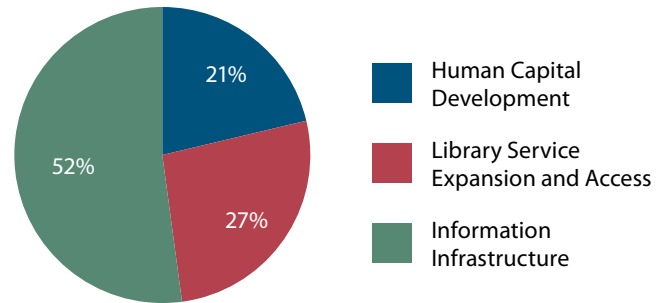


LSTA GRANTS TO STATES PROFILE: WASHINGTON



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	Washington State Library Division
Agency governance	Under the Office of the Secretary of State
Population served in 2006	6,360,529
FY 2006 total expenditures	\$9,940,000
Grants to States allotment total for FY 2003–2006	\$12,991,856
Chief Officer	Jan Walsh, State Librarian
Web site	www.secstate.wa.gov/library

Interview Highlights with the Chief Officer, Jan Walsh

Greatest Program Impact in the Last Five Years:

“Projects that are multi-type have the greatest impact. We have a strong Library Council of Washington with representatives from all types, sizes, rural/urban, and disadvantaged library areas. The council supports the multi-type approach and moving the state forward as a whole rather than using separate subgrants.”

Delivery of Library Services:

“We have no regional libraries, cooperatives, or consortia. We have city libraries and district systems in most counties. The district systems are larger units (one to five counties). We deal with the individual libraries themselves. There aren’t any cross-state organizations. We don’t have state aid; we try to move all types of libraries forward.”

Challenges in the Coming Five Years:

1. Funding is huge, for all libraries. As the 1 percent levy lid kicks in, they’re struggling. City and district

Program Data by Fiscal Year, FY 2003–2006

Washington	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	All Years
Total allotment	\$3,125,606	\$3,223,195	\$3,288,255	\$3,354,800	\$12,991,856
Number of projects reported	21	20	20	22	83
Largest project amount	\$642,782	\$632,728	\$564,055	\$578,624	
Median project amount	\$74,867	\$92,707	\$51,724	\$82,271	

libraries are feeling that. The State Library has to be diligent to keep the funding it has.

2. Leadership and the graying of the profession are a challenge, but people aren't retiring when they expected to be able to do so. It's critical that libraries have someone to lead, market, and advocate for the library.
3. For the State Library it's a new building.
4. Advocacy and marketing, making the library relevant, regardless of the type of library is a challenge.

Program Goals for 2008–2012

- Washingtonians will have increased physical and remote access to traditional and digital library resources and services in all areas of the state.
- Washington libraries will provide enhanced and expanded library services, resources, and programs to all segments of their communities.
- Through consulting, training, and collaboration, Washington librarians will have an increased capacity to effectively serve customers.

Exemplary Project: Washington State Library

Project title	Cooperative Virtual Reference (VR)
Library	Washington State Library
LSTA Funds Expended FY06	\$45,275
Total Cost FY06	\$45,275
Program Category	Library Service Expansion and Access

The project develops and supports best practices, methods, and standards for creating virtual reference services in Washington state libraries of all types. The goal is to provide a range of online reference services that address the informational and educational needs of all Washingtonians through collaboration among libraries across the state. The project funded cooperative fees for around-the-clock service for all libraries that use QuestionPoint (QP) to provide chat, funded QP Reference Management Service software and a portion of the cooperative coverage costs, and paid for training sessions by OCLC (Online Computer Library Center) Western.