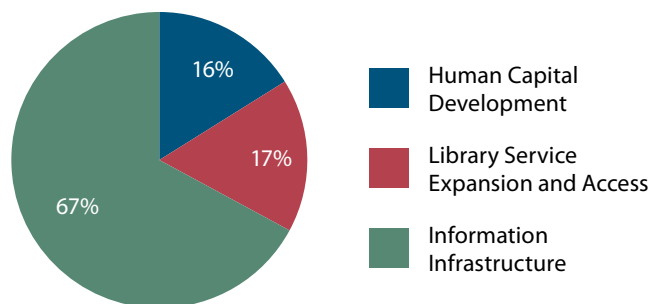


# LSTA GRANTS TO STATES PROFILE: SOUTH CAROLINA



## 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>	South Carolina State Library
<b>Agency governance</b>	An independent agency that reports to a board appointed by the Governor
<b>Population served in 2006</b>	4,324,799
<b>FY 2006 total expenditures</b>	\$16,084,000
<b>Grants to States allotment total for FY 2003–2006</b>	\$9,566,202
<b>Chief Officer</b>	David Goble, State Library Director
<b>Web site</b>	www.statelibrary.sc.gov

## Interview Highlights with the Chief Officer, David Goble

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

1. DISCUS (South Carolina's Virtual Library)—at the end of the initial three-year period, the legislature provided funding because they saw a value of the content to the K–12 community.
2. Schoolrooms (K–12 portal)—we hope this program will move to state funding as DISCUS did. School-Rooms provides resources, built around school curriculum, to assist students with homework and school projects. Users can search their library's catalog, educational Web sites, and selected DISCUS databases all at once.

### Delivery of Library Services:

"We partner with PASCAL (Partnership Among South Carolina Academic Libraries), the SC Arts Commission, and the Humanities CouncilSC. The SC Arts Commission, Humanities CouncilSC, and State Library share a Literary Arts

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

South Carolina	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	All Years
<b>Total allotment</b>	\$2,367,398	\$2,335,912	\$2,398,034	\$2,462,858	\$9,566,202
<b>Number of projects reported</b>	35	40	33	17	125
<b>Largest project amount</b>	\$755,003	\$594,227	\$552,278	\$941,765	
<b>Median project amount</b>	\$20,000	\$25,000	\$44,980	\$45,319	

Partnership Coordinator. Each organization pays one-third of the position's salary."

**Challenges in the Coming Five Years:**

"Our agency is not funded appropriately when we have a significant number of staff paid with LSTA funds. We'll be taking steps to remedy this by effectively communicating to funders that libraries are essential to:

1. Education and cultural heritage
2. Economic development
3. The wellness of South Carolina citizens
4. Family literacy
5. Good governance

"Collaboration is essential. We have to educate funders so they view library services as essential to South Carolina's well being and intellectual landscape. Without LSTA, I could not meet the legislative mandates for our State Library."

**Program Goals for 2008–2012**

- Facilitate resource sharing and statewide library improvements and encourage participation and growth in cooperatives among the state's libraries (with emphasis on the state's public libraries).
- Expand and improve library services, programs and resources through the provision of varied educational/literacy opportunities, expansion of outreach services, and exploration and implementation of the concept of "library as community."
- Provide South Carolina's library staff members and trustees with educational opportunities that facilitate the development and delivery of library programs that address LSTA priorities.
- Enhance the technological environment of South Carolina libraries by facilitating faster access to expanded electronic collections, improving the skills of public library technology staffs, serving as a leader in Web site development/accessibility, providing IT consultation services, and facilitating opportunities for the testing/implementation of new and emerging technologies for South Carolina libraries.

- Foster the development/support of new/existing partnerships by encouraging public library/community partnerships, directing LSTA funds to support collaborative statewide and local library projects, guiding strategies for effective marketing of LSTA-funded projects, providing training, and demonstrating leadership for the benefit of all South Carolinians.

**Exemplary Project:  
Richland County Public Library**

<b>Project title</b>	The Library Connect Center: A 21st Century Library
<b>Library</b>	Richland County Public Library
<b>LSTA Funds Expended FY06</b>	\$64,563
<b>Total Cost FY06</b>	\$140,575
<b>Program Category</b>	Information Infrastructure

RCPL proposed the "Library Connect Center" LSTA project to facilitate the development of a library to service the residents (approximately 40,000) of northwestern Richland County. Its purpose was to provide better library service to an underserved area at a reasonable cost using technology to link the center with resources already available in the RCPL system. Local and other funds were used to rent storefront space of about 3,000 square feet with services to include computers with Internet, catalog, database, DISCUS (SC's Virtual Library) and word processing capabilities; wireless service; materials collections for children and adults; and RFID (Radio Frequency IDentification) and self check technology. LSTA project funds provided for purchase of computer, telephone, and network equipment that will give Northwestern Richland County residents access to library resources and services already enjoyed by residents residing in other areas of the county.