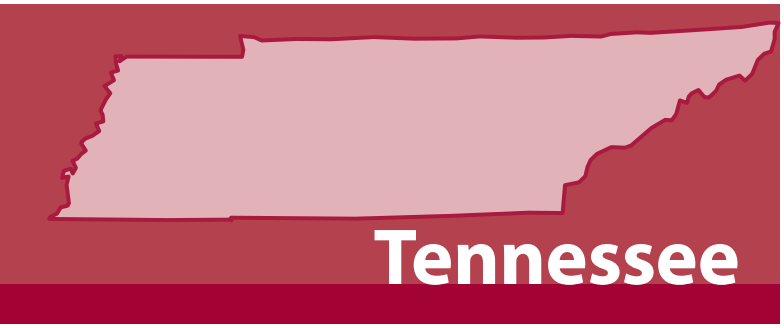
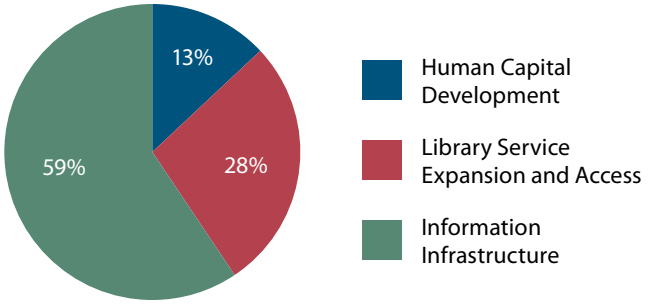


This fact sheet provides information about the State Library Administrative Agency, LSTA Grants to States programs by category, expenditures by fiscal year (2003–2006), interview highlights with the chief officer, and the program goals for 2008–2012.

State Library Administrative Agency Information

Agency name	Tennessee State Library and Archives
Agency governance	Adivision of the Department of State under the legislative branch
Population served in 2006	6,068,306
FY 2006 total expenditures	$17,564,000
Grants to States allotment total for FY 2003–2006	$12,381,897
Chief Officer	Jeanne Sugg, State Librarian & Archivist
Web site	www.tennessee.gov/tsla

Projects by Strategy, FY 2003–2006



Interview Highlights with the Chief Officer, Jeanne Sugg

Greatest Program Impact in the Last Five Years:

"Technology!

- We use LSTA funds to pay five people around the state to provide technology support to small and medium sized libraries. That levels the playing field for libraries who cannot afford their own tech support staff.
- We give LSTA technology grants to purchase library hardware and software. They are 50/50 matching grants that leverage local support.
- The Tennessee Electronic Library (TEL) databases began with LSTA funding. TEL is available to all Tennessee citizens."

Delivery of Library Services:

"The Tennessee State Library and Archives is a combined library and archives so we're committed to serving counties for the archives function as well as to serving libraries. Our library-side mandate is to serve public libraries through

Program Data by Fiscal Year, FY 2003–2006

Tennessee	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	All Years
Total allotment	$2,903,168	$3,100,308	$3,158,288	$3,220,133	$12,381,897
Number of projects reported	12	16	15	15	58
Largest project amount	$751,399	$754,346	$928,194	$ 994,927	
Median project amount	$117,714	$117,164	$124,621	$112,101	

the state-funded Regional Library System. LSTA allows us to provide other types of libraries with resource-sharing initiatives, such as the Tennessee Electronic Library which is funded with a combination of state, federal, and local dollars. Other LSTA initiatives include the statewide catalog and an interlibrary loan cost reimbursement program."

Challenges in the Coming Five Years:

- **Increased local support:** We impose maintenance of effort, but that's a double-edged sword because it doesn't encourage increases. We ask only for a level of funding equal to or greater than the previous year's level.
- **The future of the 70-year-old TN Regional Library System:** Regional staff do training, technology, programs, and cataloging for member public libraries. That assistance sometimes works against local funding when the State provides so much for the local libraries.
- **Shared automation systems:** We've not been able to convince our administration that shared automation systems operated by the regions are a good thing.
- **Library marketing needs:** We've been trying to get the University of Tennessee Library School to get a student to do a statewide marketing plan. We know we cannot use LSTA funds for this.

Program Goals for 2008–2012

- **Education and Lifelong Learning:** Enhance lifelong learning patterns 1) by providing free statewide online access to full-text periodicals and reference resources on a wide variety of topics; 2) by providing interlibrary loan assistance to libraries; and 3) by providing a reference intermediary for individuals having a difficult time finding the information they need for success.
- **Quality of life for groups with special needs:** Enhance the quality of life of diverse groups of library users, including those with special needs, through the provision of specially formatted library materials and services designed for them.
- **Technology:** Provide information technology assistance for regional and public library staff 1) by offering matching grants for computers, peripherals, and other technology in public libraries; 2) by providing technological support and training for staff of small and medium size public libraries and for regional library staff; 3) by maintaining a statewide catalog to promote cataloging assistance and interlibrary loan capabilities.
- **Knowledgeable staff:** To offer core competencies-based training for public and regional library staff and trustees that addresses the services/programs listed in the six LSTA priorities for state grants.

Exemplary Project: Tennessee State Library and Archives

Project title	Network Services Consultant Program
Library	Tennessee State Library and Archives
LSTA Funds Expended FY06	$437,365
Total Cost FY06	$437,365
Program Category	Information Infrastructure

The Tennessee State Library and Archives provides small- and medium-sized public and all regional libraries with free technology assistance and training. The Network Services Consultants provide technical leadership and perform technical support work to public libraries across Tennessee. They determine current and future technology requirements; plan and implement network developments and upgrades accordingly; install and upgrade microcomputer hardware and software; consult with library personnel in assessing systems and physical facility planning; develop training aids and materials appropriate for library staff members; and plan, organize and conduct basic and advanced training sessions in both classroom and on-site settings.