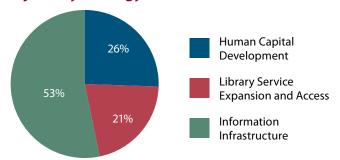Maryland

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	Maryland State Library
Agency governance	A division of the Maryland State Department of Education
Population served in 2006	5,602,258
FY 2006 total expenditures	$53,522,000
Grants to States allotment total for FY 2003–2006	$11,831,355
Chief Officer	Irene M. Padilla, Assistant State Superintendent for Libraries
Web site	www.marylandpublicschools.org/ MSDE/divisions/library

Projects by Strategy, FY 2003–2006

- 26% Human Capital Development
- 21% Library Service Expansion and Access
- 53% Information Infrastructure

Interview Highlights with the Chief Officer, Irene M. Padilla

Greatest Program Impact in the Last Five Years:
"LSTA has impacted our ability to stay on the leading edge in technology and in the delivery of resources; we offer an annual competitive grants program that allows local libraries to develop innovative programs, take risks they wouldn't try otherwise, and quite often result in the development of model programs that can be replicated in other libraries. This funding also allows us to provide statewide projects like the MPower library card and catalog. It also helps us provide more equitable service across the state by allowing smaller libraries to try out new programs and ideas they can't otherwise afford. LSTA has allowed us to provide staff development to librarians at the local level."

Delivery of Library Services:
"There is no State Library facility. As an alternative we contract with the Enoch Pratt Free Library to provide and expand access to specialized library materials, electronic

Program Data by Fiscal Year, FY 2003–2006

Maryland	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	All Years
Total allotment	$2,807,829	$2,946,918	$3,008,965	$3,067,643	$11,831,355
Number of projects reported	47	33	41	37	158
Largest project amount	$508,900	$499,678	$425,030	$798,787	
Median project amount	$40,000	$40,000	$38,125	$34,000	

resources and services including interlibrary resource sharing, Sailor—Maryland's online computer network, reference, and training. Maryland also has three regional libraries, which serve the smaller library systems. The regionals make available materials and services that individual member libraries cannot adequately provide and work with us as partners on grants. Working with 24 county libraries (rather than many small municipal libraries as in other states) makes our job easier. We have a good partnership with the Maryland Library Association, cooperating with each other on programs and statewide projects. Through the Maryland Library Consortium (MLC), we collaborate with academic, public, school, and special libraries interested in participating in the provision of multi-type and statewide services. The MLC is actively pursuing the joint purchase of subscription databases and has begun discussing possibilities for further collaboration for cost savings and mutual benefit. In the past we've provided grants primarily to public libraries but, with our new LSTA plan, we are moving toward including all types of libraries."

Challenges in the Coming Five Years:

1. Funding is definitely a challenge. The relatively and constantly diminishing amount of state funds we receive affects how we use LSTA funds.
2. Succession planning is a challenge for us.
3. Staff development is a major issue!

Program Goals for 2008–2012

- Improve the capacity of libraries to meet community needs for LSTA programs and services through assessing, planning, training, and evaluation.
- Increase the awareness and use of library services for Maryland residents through networking, outreach, and promotion of LSTA-funded programs and services.
- Encourage and support Maryland libraries to increase numbers and types of collaborations and partnerships by providing incentives, conferences, and opportunities.
- Expand access to library services and facilities for Marylanders through training, improved technology infrastructure, and resource delivery.

- Build a strong, diverse Maryland library workforce through staff development to provide LSTA programs and services.
- Expand development of technical infrastructure and implementation of innovative technology for Maryland libraries through planning, training, recruitment, and partnerships.

Exemplary Project: Carroll County Public Library

Project title	Emergent Literacy Peer Coaching
Library	Carroll County Public Library
LSTA Funds Expended FY06	$30,000
Total Cost FY06	$38,500
Program Category	Information Infrastructure, Human Capital Development

The Emergent Literacy Peer Coaching project developed a Peer Coaching Toolkit and training for perspective lead coaches to use with library staff to encourage peer coaching. The project seeks to improve and continue the use of emergent literacy and best practices in story times. An Emergent Literacy Peer Coaching wiki was also developed and launched midway through the project. It quickly became apparent that this was a more efficient and interactive means of sharing information than the aforementioned Toolkit. In the few months since its debut, we have incorporated training videos from a variety of literacy experts, including a lead coach and peer coach from Carroll County Public Library, background information in all areas of emergent literacy development, and specific sections for lead and peer coaches to gather and share information.