

LSTA GRANTS TO STATES PROFILE: NEVADA

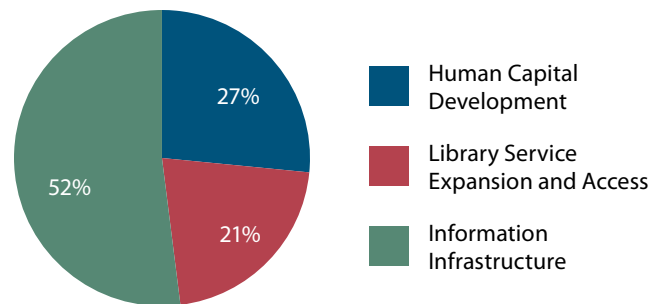
Nevada

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	Nevada State Library and Archives
Agency governance	Under the Department of Cultural Affairs
Population served in 2006	2,484,196
FY 2006 total expenditures	\$5,871,000
Grants to States allotment total for FY 2003–2006	\$5,961,558
Chief Officer	Daphne Arnaiz-DeLeon, State Library and Archives Administrator
Web site	http://nevadaculture.org/docs/nsla

Projects by Strategy, FY 2003–2006



Interview Highlights with the Chief Officer, Daphne Arnaiz-DeLeon

Greatest Program Impact in the Last Five Years:

“The biggest impact over the last five years has come with LSTA being used for digitization projects that provide access and Virtual Reference for the entire state.”

Delivery of Library Services:

“Nevada has wide variation in population concentrations; there are large concentrations in the Las Vegas area, but in the north and east the communities are small and rural. Consortia have grown to share things statewide. CLAN (Cooperative Libraries Automated Network) covers 80 percent of the rural libraries. Metro libraries come directly to the State Library (for grants, etc.) while the rural libraries come through CLAN. We have minigrants for small libraries; we also have open competitive grants and statewide projects funded with LSTA.”

Program Data by Fiscal Year, FY 2003–2006

Nevada	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	All Years
Total allotment	\$1,323,020	\$1,461,347	\$1,542,939	\$1,634,252	\$5,961,558
Number of projects reported	40	42	33	36	151
Largest project amount	\$351,641	\$362,676	\$300,000	\$300,000	
Median project amount	\$17,430	\$16,800	\$ 22,700	\$26,000	

Challenges in the Coming Five Years:

1. Technological—how will we reach patrons statewide technologically?
2. Physical—there are buildings needing better access, wiring.
3. Repositioning our services in the minds of our users.

Program Goals for 2008–2012

- Residents of Nevada will have convenient access to current, reliable information through effective technology, resources, and telecommunications.
- The people, governments and associated cultural heritage organizations of Nevada will share responsibility to preserve, protect, and make the state’s unique heritage available.
- All residents of Nevada will be served by library and allied information providers that are staffed by well-trained professional workers who are equipped to deliver high-quality service as addressed in the six LSTA priorities.
- Assure equitable access to library and information services is available to all individuals including the unserved or underserved populations of the state.

**Exemplary Project:
Henderson District Public Libraries**

Project title	Get Real
Library	Henderson District Public Libraries
LSTA Funds Expended FY06	\$7,420
Total Cost FY06	\$7,420
Program Category	Human Capital Development, Library Service Expansion and Access

This Henderson District Public Libraries project provided discussion sessions for teens to help them talk about and face issues that are present in their everyday lives and to connect with library and other community resources. Visits by an award-winning author of young adult fiction and workshops provided by a psychologist gave the teens an opportunity to learn constructive ways to deal with their emotions and the issues they face. The library also held book discussion groups at a variety of its locations. The surveys and comments from participants showed that they came to the realization that reading and writing can be positive outlets for helping them to deal with the issues that they face in their lives.