

# LSTA GRANTS TO STATES PROFILE: NORTH DAKOTA

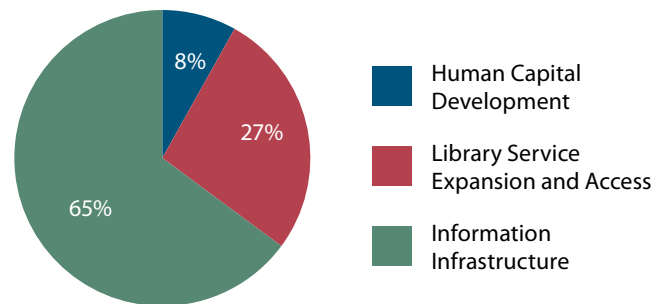
## North Dakota

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

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| <b>Agency name</b>                                       | North Dakota State Library                      |
| <b>Agency governance</b>                                 | Reports to the Department of Public Instruction |
| <b>Population served in 2006</b>                         | 636,453   |
| <b>FY 2006 total expenditures</b>                        | \$2,324,000                                     |
| <b>Grants to States allotment total for FY 2003–2006</b> | \$3,091,837                                     |
| <b>Chief Officer</b>                                     | Doris Ott, State Librarian                      |
| <b>Web site</b>  | www.library.nd.gov                              |

### Projects by Strategy, FY 2003–2006



### Interview Highlights with the Chief Officer, Doris Ott

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

“LSTA enables us to create a statewide catalog and provide interlibrary loans, Talking Books, and online library resources to all North Dakota citizens. This has resulted in statewide resource sharing.”

#### Delivery of Library Services:

“The State Library’s responsibilities are statewide for all types of libraries. We use LSTA for the statewide catalog and online resources. The catalog has the holdings of all types of libraries—academic, public, schools, hospitals, etc.—which share resources with other North Dakota libraries at no charge. We have been doing document delivery via the postal service since 1921. The online resources are accessible to all North Dakota citizens.”

#### Challenges in the Coming Five Years:

1. The biggest challenge is to continue having a reliable statewide ILS (integrated library system).

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

| North Dakota                       | FY 2003   | FY 2004   | FY 2005   | FY 2006   | All Years   |
|------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| <b>Total allotment</b>             | \$626,793 | \$765,120 | \$821,842 | \$878,082 | \$3,091,837 |
| <b>Number of projects reported</b> | 8         | 6         | 8         | 6         | 28          |
| <b>Largest project amount</b>      | \$417,691 | \$543,776 | \$621,541 | \$662,372 |             |
| <b>Median project amount</b>       | \$12,551  | \$22,997  | \$6,482   | \$24,500  |             |

2. Funding for online resources is a continuing challenge. The resources give us 24/7 service that's accessible to all North Dakota citizens.
3. Training—recruiting professionals and training existing staff. We have been recruiting North Dakotans into the profession (growing our own) by offering Training Grants for North Dakota students pursuing their MLS degrees.

### Program Goals for 2008–2012

- Create a statewide community of libraries working together to provide quality library services in North Dakota.
- Develop and deliver library services to North Dakota citizens.
- Assure equitable access to information resources and library services to individuals throughout the state.

### Exemplary Project: North Dakota State Library

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| <b>Project title</b>            | Information and Resource Sharing                                 |
| <b>Library</b>                  | North Dakota State Library                                       |
| <b>LSTA Funds Expended FY06</b> | \$661,372  |
| <b>Total Cost FY06</b>          | \$661,372  |
| <b>Program Category</b>         | Library Service Expansion and Access, Information Infrastructure |

The North Dakota State Library provides information and resource sharing to libraries, librarians, board members, students, teachers, special populations, and citizens throughout North Dakota. The information and resources fill the education, business, training, leisure, and lifelong learning needs of the state's population. The North Dakota State Library works in cooperation with school, public, academic, and special libraries to promote the availability of services and distribution of the services and materials. The State Library interlibrary loan department has a one-day turnaround time period for requests. The interlibrary loan staff access in-state materials first, using ODIN (Online Dakota Information Network) and two other networks that link area libraries. The agency contracts with OCLC (Online Computer Library Center) and the MINITEX network for materials not found in-state. The State Library coordinates and provides access to e-books and Online Library Resources (OLR) that include Gale, ProQuest, and EBSCO. The staff uses direct mail, a listserv, and a newsletter to inform citizens and librarians about the services and information that is available at the State Library. More than 13,500 citizens hold a State Library card.