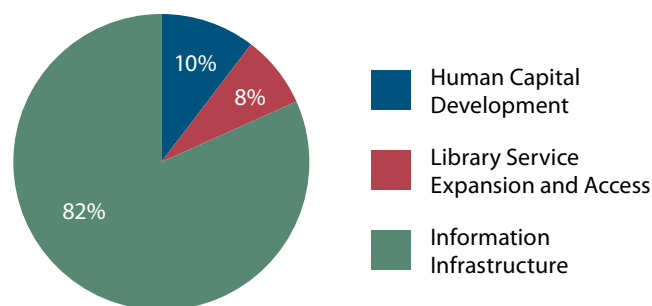


# LSTA GRANTS TO STATES PROFILE: TEXAS



## 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>	Texas State Library & Archives Commission
<b>Agency governance</b>	An independent agency within the executive branch that reports to a commission appointed by the Governor
<b>Population served in 2006</b>	23,367,534
<b>FY 2006 total expenditures</b>	\$31,769,000
<b>Grants to States allotment total for FY 2003–2006</b>	\$41,570,582
<b>Chief Officer</b>	Peggy D. Rudd, State Library and Archives Commission Director and Librarian.
<b>Web site</b>	www.tsl.state.tx.us

## Interview Highlights with the Chief Officer, Peggy D. Rudd

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

“The Technical Assistance Negotiated Grants (TANG) have built the capacity of public library directors, particularly in smaller communities, to evaluate, troubleshoot, and effectively use technology. TANG funds enabled each of the 10 regional public library systems to hire or contract for staff and technical support that has had a major impact on the success of public access computing in our libraries. These grants have been very successful; TANG is a star for us!”

### Delivery of Library Services:

“The size of Texas and its diversity pose tremendous challenges for developing and administering programs to support the growth and development of library services in the state. Resource sharing gets a big boost in Texas because of the longstanding existence of our TexShare resource sharing consortium that includes academic, public, and some medical libraries. In 1996 when LSCA was replaced

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

Texas	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	All Years
<b>Total allotment</b>	\$10,183,839	\$10,328,875	\$10,460,595	\$10,597,273	\$41,570,582
<b>Number of projects reported</b>	31	33	40	14	118
<b>Largest project amount</b>	\$1,969,343	\$1,965,279	\$2,072,227	\$4,946,558	
<b>Median project amount</b>	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$70,771	\$155,992	

by LSTA, little changed in Texas. So, we are still supporting programs that are deeply rooted in the state while trying to carve out federal funds for new and innovative programs. That's not easy."

**Challenges in the Coming Five Years:**

"Facilities are under par, particularly in small communities. Also, almost all of the burden of supporting Texas public libraries falls on local communities to the tune of 98 percent of operating funds. LSTA funds help libraries experiment with new and innovative programs and services or integrate best practices into their operations. These are things they can't do with limited local and state funding. And LSTA helps libraries leverage local, in-kind, and private dollars. Another challenge is keeping up with technology and building the libraries' capacity with technology, online resources, and digitization. It can be difficult for librarians to make the case locally for updating computer equipment. LSTA can have a role there."

**Program Goals for 2008–2012**

- Provide Texans with access to a broad range of library materials.
- Provide assistance to libraries to support literacy and educational attainment in their communities.
- Assist libraries in providing programs and services to meet the needs of their populations.
- Assist libraries with technology to serve the information needs of Texans.

**Exemplary Project:  
Texas State Library and Archives Commission**

<b>Project title</b>	Technical Assistance Negotiated Grants
<b>Library</b>	Texas State Library and Archives Commission
<b>LSTA Funds Expended FY06</b>	\$675,537
<b>Total Cost FY06</b>	\$675,537
<b>Program Category</b>	Information Infrastructure

The Technical Assistance Negotiated Grant (TANG) Program's purpose is to achieve the statewide goal of encouraging and assisting libraries to use technology to serve the information needs of Texans. Eight of the 10 regional systems utilize the approach of hiring a staff member to provide onsite and remote technical assistance and consulting in accomplishing the objectives of the program. One regional system utilized a third-party vendor to provide similar services to the libraries, while the remaining library system utilized the project funding to provide online technology training opportunities for their libraries. For the systems that have hired a staff person, the primary project activities center on visiting libraries to respond to a wide range of technology problems. Software or hardware troubleshooting, repair, or upgrade and configuration changes focused on making the technology easier to manage are the most commonly mentioned. Additional activities involve consulting with the libraries on how best to manage, plan for, and utilize technology to provide services to their communities and training in formal and informal situations to develop greater self-sufficiency in areas of technology, including troubleshooting and repair. The TANG project is possibly the most highly valued project funded through the LSTA programs in the state. For many libraries, especially those in rural areas, TANG is a lifeline that enables the library to provide a dependable and high level of technology to their community that would otherwise not be possible.