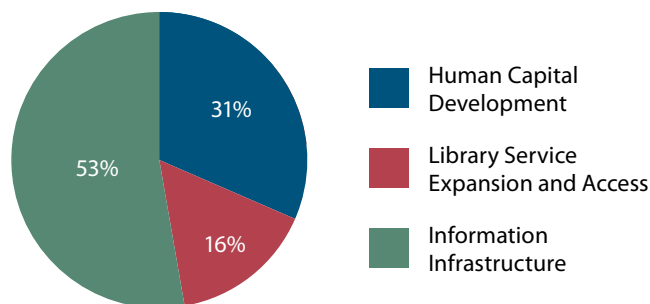


LSTA GRANTS TO STATES PROFILE: CALIFORNIA



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

Agency name	California State Library
Agency governance	An independent agency reporting to the Governor
Population served in 2006	36,121,296
FY 2006 total expenditures	\$64,928,000
Grants to States allotment total for FY 2003–2006	\$65,597,619
Chief Officer	Stacey Aldrich, State Librarian
Web site	www.library.ca.gov

Interview Highlights with the Chief Officer, Susan Hildreth*

Greatest Program Impact in the Last Five Years:

“The greatest value of LSTA is in the flexibility it provides for libraries to try things. LSTA lets us try things like

- An early literacy initiative...getting parents involved
- Engaging boomers in civic participation
- Consumer health

“We have a diversity of libraries, so we try to create a menu for them to select from. We try to shape opportunities. We model things and let libraries copy good programs. We also do competitive grants. We have a digital initiative...a demonstration in San Diego with digital storytelling stations. The library becomes community digital developer. We can’t say LSTA has had the greatest impact in any single area; it’s the cumulative effect of enabling libraries to try new methods of delivering services.”

Delivery of Library Services:

“We have regionals for resource sharing; they are supported with state funds and a little LSTA.

Program Data by Fiscal Year, FY 2003–2006

California	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	All Years
Total Allotment	\$16,222,180	\$16,360,507	\$16,457,012	\$16,557,920	\$65,597,619
Number of projects reported	88	46	55	46	235
Largest project amount	\$1,988,169	\$2,962,815	\$2,539,464	\$2,527,432	
Median Project Amount	\$81,662	\$192,719	\$144,608	\$141,500	

“There are still delivery hubs and second-level reference, but they’re also funded with state funds. We have 181 public library jurisdictions. This is a large state with a large population. Because of the size, we do very few state-wide LSTA activities. What we try to do is create models, have targeted programs. We try to demonstrate possibilities. Continuing education is a big priority; we have state-wide continuing education through a partner (Infopeople). California has a state-funded adult literacy program and some of the activities are further enhanced through the use of LSTA funds.”

Challenges in the Coming Five Years:

“I’m concerned about the future of the State Library. I worry we won’t have a proactive role in providing service. I fear that the State Library will become an archives/repository only. I feel strongly that we should not be using LSTA dollars to run the State Library. For a state this size all the LSTA funds should impact local libraries.”

* Susan Hildreth was the Chief Officer at the time that the interviews were conducted.

Program Goals for 2008–2012

- **Literacy and Educational Support:** California libraries provide equitable access to literacy and learning opportunities so that all Californians can be successful in all of life’s endeavors.
- **Digital Preservation and Resource Sharing:** California libraries have the resources to develop digital projects that preserve and enhance access to valuable local content.
- **Technological Access for All:** California libraries provide electronic resources and efforts to improve their users, understanding and use of electronic library resources and services through development of, increased access to, and training about technology-based systems and resources.

Exemplary Project: Peninsula Library System

Project title	Infopeople: Moving Libraries Forward
Library	Peninsula Library System
LSTA Funds Expended FY06	\$1,760,599
Total Cost FY06	\$2,714,599
Program Category	Library Service Expansion and Access

The California State Library provides statewide continuing education and professional development services to encourage librarians across the state to stay current in a knowledge-based economy where technology and high quality/high-speed service is becoming the norm. The Infopeople: Moving Libraries Forward project, based out of the Peninsula Library System, provides a variety of resources to California librarians through on-ground training workshops, distance learning, Webcasts, and asynchronous Web courses. In addition, partnership programs with the Gates Foundation “Staying Connected” program, the Rural Library Initiative, Libris Design, California Library Association, California Preservation Program, the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, Califa Group, Tribal Libraries, the WebJunction Rural Library Sustainability Program, and the WebJunction Spanish Language Outreach Program helped Infopeople tailor the training workshops. Topics ranged from library service skills, to leadership training for mid-career California librarians, to Spanish language outreach programs, to an initiative in “Moving Libraries Forward to Web 2.0.” In total, 201 on-ground workshops were offered with a total of 3,781 attendees. The workshops, online courses, Webcasts, and sessions for the Rural Libraries initiative totaled 43 offerings with 379 attendees; the Spanish Language Outreach program offered 12 sessions, including support sessions, for 153 participants; 57 leadership training sessions were held with 1,223 attendees; 35 libraries selected to participate in a library Web site evaluation and improvement session with 55 attendees, and five on-ground and two online workshops were offered for “Moving Libraries Forward to Web 2.0” topic.