LSTA GRANTS TO STATES PROFILE: INDIANA



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	Indiana State Library
Agency governance	Under the executive branch and reporting to the Governor
Population served in 2006	6,294,124
FY 2006 total expenditures	\$11,945,000
Grants to States allotment total for FY 2003–2006	\$13,076,418
Chief Officer	Roberta L. Brooker, State Library Director
Web site	www.in.gov/library



Interview Highlights with the Chief Officer, Roberta L. Brooker

Greatest Program Impact in the Last Five Years:

"All aspects of the Indiana LSTA program were thoroughly evaluated and updated. The Indiana State Library (ISL) improved all existing statewide library services, and began providing additional services, while still providing individual grants to libraries for technology, digitization, and innovative projects. Indiana's statewide virtual library, INSPIRE, was updated, with new databases added, and easier search capability implemented. Also, through LSTA funds, the State Library implemented, statewide, the open source integrated library system, Evergreen, and began the statewide digital historic library, Indiana Memory."

Delivery of Library Services:

"The State Library and the Southeastern Library Network (SOLINET) provide the majority of all types of services to all libraries statewide—interlibrary loan, delivery, continuing education, consulting, etc. SOLINET and INCOLSA,

Program Data by Fiscal Year, FY 2003–2006

Indiana	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	All Years
Total allotment	\$3,125,606	\$3,263,933	\$3,317,057	\$3,369,822	\$13,076,418
Number of projects reported	95	19	22	18	154
Largest project amount	\$403,000	\$454,754	\$460,085	\$506,246	
Median project amount	\$5,236	\$129,657	\$104,369	\$163,082	

a regional network provider, provide the OCLC (Online Computer Library Center) support and training along with other library services in Indiana."

Challenges in the Coming Five Years:

"The three biggest challenges in Indiana are bandwidth to libraries, decreasing budgets, and an increasing demand on libraries, and in many cases, changing service demands, given the recession and associated issues. The State Library will work with all types of libraries to use LSTA funds to provide excellent statewide library service at economical costs so that libraries can use their decreasing funding for other operations."

Program Goals for 2008–2012

- Indiana libraries will provide up-to-date, reliable access to information to meet the needs of all Indiana residents by utilizing effective telecommunications, technology, and resources.
- The Indiana State Library, libraries, and library organizations will deliver new and improved programs that anticipate and meet the residents of Indiana's constantly changing needs for library services and access to information.
- The Indiana State Library will provide leadership for digital library initiatives throughout the state.
- The Indiana State Library, libraries, and library organizations will strengthen public support for upgrading library services for every resident of Indiana through improved communication, collaboration, and partnership efforts within and beyond the library community.
- The Indiana State Library will provide resources and support to libraries who seek to serve special populations in the state.
- The Indiana State Library will provide resources and support to libraries who seek to serve the unserved or underserved populations in the state.

Exemplary Project: Indiana State Library

Project title	ISL Digitization	
Library	Indiana State Library	
LSTA Funds Expended FY06	\$298,575	
Total Cost FY06	\$573,632	
Program Category	Information Infrastructure	

The purpose of this digitization project is to make unique historical materials of interest available to people throughout Indiana with preference given to those materials of use by the educational community and to collaborative projects including those in which a library partners with a museum, local cultural organization, or school. The project seeks to provide a cornerstone for the creation of an Indiana Digital Library. Original materials, including manuscripts, photographs, artworks, and audiotapes, from more than 35 separate collections were digitized. Ten libraries were awarded grants and began digitization projects.