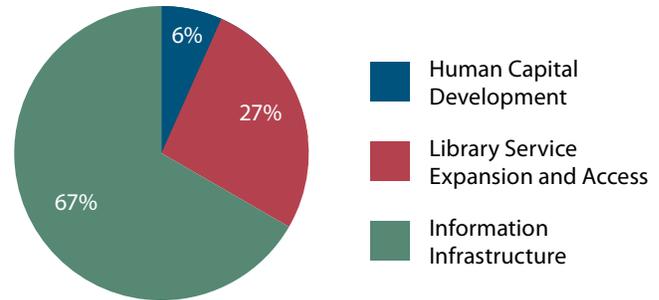


LSTA GRANTS TO STATES PROFILE: HAWAII



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	Hawaii State Public Library System
Agency governance	Under the executive branch but reports to the Board of Education
Population served in 2006	1,275,264
FY 2006 total expenditures	\$31,384,000
Grants to States allotment total for FY 2003–2006	\$4,203,657
Chief Officer	Richard Burns, State Librarian
Web site	www.librarieshawaii.org

Interview Highlights with the Chief Officer, Richard Burns

Greatest Program Impact in the Last Five Years:

“The primary impact has been access to the databases in addition to our technology infrastructure and automation support. LSTA is crucial to this.”

Delivery of Library Services:

“Geography has a big impact here; you can’t drive to pick up your interlibrary loans, for example. There are 51 public library facilities in the state; only eight have a T-1 line. Half of the libraries are on the main island of Oahu; the rest are on the remaining five islands. We have the only statewide public library system and we are also the state agency. We have a direct implementation function so we don’t go through a competitive grant process. There’s one public library system, one statewide public education system, and one statewide academic system. The Hawaii Library Consortium contracts for the databases; every type of library can join the consortium. It’s governed by a board of

Program Data by Fiscal Year, FY 2003–2006

Hawaii	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	All Years
Total allotment	\$903,039	\$1,041,366	\$1,101,687	\$1,157,565	\$4,203,657
Number of projects reported	3	2	3	2	10
Largest project amount	\$478,836	\$613,822	\$628,935	\$663,458	
Median project amount	\$409,203	\$520,683	\$470,775	\$578,783	

directors; the Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) has fiscal responsibility for the consortium. A significant amount of LSTA funding goes into the databases.”

Challenges in the Coming Five Years:

1. The statewide economy is not doing well; it's based on tourism and people have to fly here.
2. The technology infrastructure needs updating.
3. As a system we are in the early stages of selecting a new integrated library system. We currently use SirsiDynix's Horizon System and need to move to something new.

Program Goals for 2008–2012

- Improve current telecommunications system to adequately support ILS (integrated library system) operations and access to online databases and other online resources in library facilities.
- Develop and promote an appropriate collection of databases and other online resources that complement and supplement physical library collections, especially for small branch libraries, and provide 24/7 virtual collections to anyone with an HSPLS library card and Internet access.
- Continue to expand self-service, privacy-enhancing, and personalized service options to address short staffing and revolving-door vacancies, improve services, empower users, and free staff from routine duties and focus on enhanced and more complex customer services.
- Deliver desired materials to customers in a timely, efficient, and user-friendly way.
- Provide library services and collections to unserved and underserved communities and diverse populations. Provide access to services for persons with limited english proficiency (LEP).
- Implement a staff intranet and other staff productivity tools to optimize limited staff resources to provide public library services and collections in an efficient, effective, and fiscally sound manner.

**Exemplary Project:
Hawaii State Public Library System**

Project title	Hawaii Connectivity and Access
Library	Hawaii State Public Library System
LSTA Funds Expended FY06	\$494,107
Total Cost FY06	\$494,107
Program Category	Information Access & Information Services

HSPLS seeks to improve access to collections and services through innovative and effective methods and technologies. One of the many activities in this project was the implementation of a self-checkout unit at the Kapolei Public Library. Success with the unit purchased with federal grant funds encouraged HSPLS to seek a grant from the Friends of the Library of Hawaii for a similar unit at the Hilo Public Library. Kapolei and Hilo are the largest libraries after the Hawaii State Library and as such serve as excellent demonstration sites. We hope to obtain state and other funding for additional units in HSPLS libraries. The self-checkout unit has helped reduce the sometimes long lines at the circulation desk. The public has given us many favorable comments on Hilo's self-checkout unit. Children especially love the novelty of checking out their own books. Patrons like getting receipts with a list of the books they've checked out. Some individuals now make it a habit of using it rather than waiting in line at the circulation desk. Those patrons who are hesitant about using it are pleasantly surprised on how "easy it is to use."