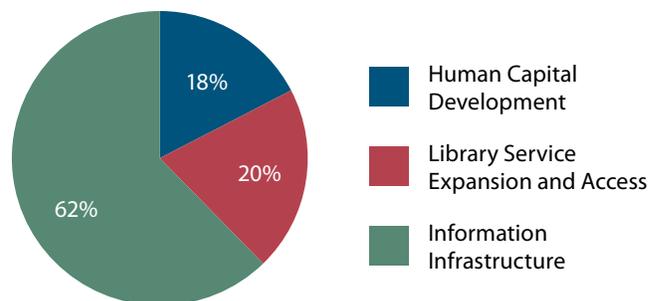


LSTA GRANTS TO STATES PROFILE: KANSAS



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	State Library of Kansas
Agency governance	Independent agency reporting to the Governor
Population served in 2006	2,756,267
FY 2006 total expenditures	\$6,612,000
Grants to States allotment total for FY 2003–2006	\$6,844,161
Chief Officer	Christie Brandau, State Librarian
Web site	www.skyways.org/KSL

Interview Highlights with the Chief Officer, Christie Brandau

Greatest Program Impact in the Last Five Years:

1. LSTA enabled Kansas to accomplish and sustain resource-sharing projects that simply would not have happened without the funding. We have used LSTA to develop the statewide union catalog and facilitate resource sharing through interlibrary loan. We're moving towards statewide patron-initiated interlibrary loans, which will further facilitate sharing materials.
2. The information and educational databases purchased with LSTA have had a tremendous impact on our state. Resources that were beyond the financial reach of most of our libraries are now offered statewide. And with IP authentication, residents can get access from anywhere in the state. This has resulted in broader and easier usage, and would not have been possible without LSTA.

Program Data by Fiscal Year, FY 2003–2006

Kansas	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	All Years
Total allotment	\$1,565,707	\$1,706,659	\$1,759,339	\$1,812,456	\$6,844,161
Number of projects reported	80	81	72	28	261
Largest project amount	\$260,110	\$260,110	\$291,120	\$249,214	
Median project amount	\$3,625	\$3,924	\$5,000	\$35,933	

3. In 2005, over 25 percent of the public libraries in Kansas were not automated. This inhibited access and resource sharing, so to solve that problem we suspended general individual grants, and instead offered funding to the system libraries to get their libraries automated. Currently 52 libraries have been automated with these funds through system coordination; many of the automation solutions have been innovative and some have utilized open-source software. The impact of this project for the libraries has been better positioning them to serve their patron both now and in the future, and the statewide impact is an improved statewide catalog. It wouldn't have happened with LSTA.”

Delivery of Library Services:

“The State Library works closely with the seven system libraries on projects ranging from continuing education to automation. That cooperation is completely voluntary, as the systems are multi-county municipalities entitled to their own taxing areas, and do not have to rely on the State Library for funding. A majority, but not all, of the public libraries belong to a system.”

Challenges in the Coming Five Years:

1. Our Internet access is not at the level it needs to be. Every public library has access, but less than 30 percent have broadband. It's a huge challenge. We need significant broadband access.
2. There is a possibility of 3%–5% cuts in funding for the State Library in the next year. This will impact our services and those of the local libraries who depend on state aid and our services.
3. There are many rural libraries serving populations under 2,500. Many of these libraries are directed by non-MLS staff, and a significant percentage is soon reaching retirement age. Replacing them will be a challenge as they are not well paid. The State Library needs to provide training to them and their replacements.

Program Goals for 2008–2012

- Plan and implement a high-speed and reliable physical infrastructure for the delivery of library services to all Kansas library users.
- Provide user-centric library services that facilitate lifelong learning for all Kansas library users.
- Services for Kansas library users will be enhanced by improving the skills of librarians and trustees through continuing education and in-service training.

**Exemplary Project:
South Central Kansas Library System**

Project title	Project Automate @ SCKLS
Library	South Central Kansas Library System (SCKLS)
LSTA Funds Expended FY06	\$101,812
Total Cost FY06	\$292,019
Program Category	Information Infrastructure

The purpose of Project Automate @ SCKLS was to assist public libraries within the South Central Kansas Library System in automating their collections in order to provide an enhanced level of service to their patrons. Our primary focus was on those libraries that were not automated followed by migrating those using antiquated DOS-based automation systems to a current product. On May 1, 2007, all 12 participating Project Automate @ SCKLS sites went live. Not only were the librarians able to begin an electronic method of circulation, but their patrons also became more empowered users of the library. Remote access to the catalog by the patron is now an option at all sites. Patrons now also have the ability to view their circulation status, renew items and place reserves via the Internet from outside the confines of the library. This enhanced patron service has been embraced by the patrons and library staff alike.