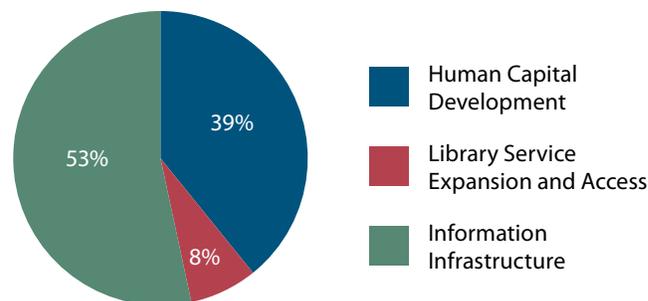


LSTA GRANTS TO STATES PROFILE: MISSOURI



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	Missouri State Library
Agency governance	Under the Department of State
Population served in 2006	5,832,977
FY 2006 total expenditures	\$11,292,000
Grants to States allotment total for FY 2003–2006	\$12,104,257
Chief Officer	Margaret Conroy, State Librarian
Web site	www.sos.mo.gov/library

Interview Highlights with the Chief Officer, Margaret Conroy

Greatest Program Impact in the Last Five Years:

1. We put money into statewide digitization for six years with competitive LSTA grants. The secretary of state got state money to expand the program beyond libraries; we were able to leverage state dollars. The Missouri State Archives is also in the secretary of state's Office, and Archives also got state money for staffing and equipment for the new program, now known as the Missouri Heritage Initiative.
2. We've also been successful in technology training and technical assistance with competitive grants.

Delivery of Library Services:

"There are no regional libraries although there were regionals at one time and they were funded with LSTA. We've partnered with the OCLC (Online Computer Library Center) regional network. There are academic consortia and we've supported some of that."

Program Data by Fiscal Year, FY 2003–2006

Missouri	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	All Years
Total allotment	\$2,808,591	\$3,043,905	\$3,096,707	\$3,155,054	\$12,104,257
Number of projects reported	150	162	185	207	704
Largest project amount	\$514,381	\$543,493	\$647,103	\$520,726	
Median project amount	\$4,619	\$7,319	\$3,837	\$6,336	

Challenges in the Coming Five Years:

1. Public libraries in the state are funded with property tax and that's being chipped away by the legislature.
2. There's a big discussion about the need for marketing, but we have no state funds for that. We're not seeing a drop in use; people are just concerned.
3. Libraries have also identified a need for greater funding for online databases. There's a perception of duplication with the licensing of databases among library consortia in Missouri, so we're investigating ways to identify and eliminate duplication, as well as to leverage existing database dollars to enhance access for a larger number of libraries.

Program Goals for 2008–2012

- Missouri libraries will provide robust, reliable, and secure access to information to meet the needs of all Missourians by utilizing efficient and effective telecommunications and technology capable of reaching the patron at the point of need, promoting good use of staff time, working well within a network environment, and being able to adapt to technological advances as needed.
- Enable residents to locate and easily use electronic content by providing databases and content in various formats, as well as training and tools for searching and using it effectively.
- Libraries will have technology that supports construction of a statewide union catalog, searching and discovery of materials not in their local collections, patron-initiated borrowing, and a courier service to provide low-cost, efficient delivery of materials from other libraries.
- Expand Missouri's cultural heritage digitization infrastructure in order to involve more stakeholders, digitize more historical materials, and make them accessible to more user communities via the Internet.
- Strengthen and expand both quality and availability of library services appropriate to meet the educational, cultural, intellectual, personal, and social development

needs of Missourians, particularly persons with difficulty using the library and underserved rural and urban areas.

- Strengthen reading and homework support services to Missouri's school children.
- Provide library staff access to information about innovative programs, regional cooperatives, partnerships between other libraries, and community agencies.
- Provide every Missouri citizen with library service by helping citizens extend tax-supported library service to each county in Missouri or to expand existing city libraries into county districts where no prior county library exists, and to ensure that those library services are provided in an effective and efficient manner to expand services to maximum resource capacity.

Exemplary Project: Polk County Library

Project title	Cooperation
Library	Polk County Library
LSTA Funds Expended FY06	\$1,110
Total Cost FY06	\$4,050
Program Category	Human Capital Development

The project addressed the need of a minority population—female farmers—as well as an underserved population—farmers in a rural area. It was a cooperative project between the library and the local University of Missouri extension office to provide two six-session program series on financial planning, estate planning, record-keeping software, and other farm business-related topics to rural, female farming residents in the county. All but five of the participants had no awareness of the library and its services prior to the project. Participants asked for more educational opportunities at the library and many have shared their knowledge of the library with friends and family.