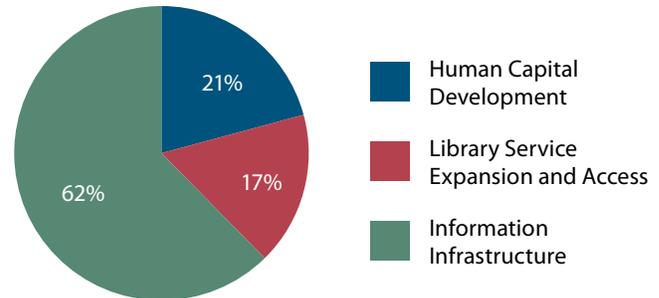


LSTA GRANTS TO STATES PROFILE: WISCONSIN



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	Division for Libraries, Technology and Community Learning
Agency governance	Under the Department of Public Instruction
Population served in 2006	5,568,505
FY 2006 total expenditures	\$22,848,000
Grants to States allotment total for FY 2003–2006	\$11,742,996
Chief Officer	Rick Grobschmidt, Assistant State Superintendent and Administrator
Web site	http://dpi.wi.gov/dltcl

Interview Highlights with the Chief Officer, Rick Grobschmidt

Greatest Program Impact in the Last Five Years:

1. Shared automation systems developed with the assistance of LSTA funds make us number one in inter-library loans per capita and bring Wisconsin libraries into the 21st century.
2. We've funded local digitization projects around the state.
3. BadgerLink (databases) was started with LSTA funds; we also use LSTA for technology, Internet access, and bandwidth.
4. The early childhood initiative spun off many successful programs, including Milwaukee's Books to Go—children's programs for kids in child care in underserved areas. Most libraries offer early childhood programs; with LSTA we've increased the number of kids involved; we partnered with other divisions and teams at the Department of Public Instruction to do this and brought in experts as advisors.

Program Data by Fiscal Year, FY 2003–2006

Wisconsin	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	All Years
Total allotment	\$2,800,929	\$2,939,256	\$2,992,540	\$3,010,271	\$11,742,996
Number of projects reported	54	56	76	56	242
Largest project amount	\$638,637	\$891,676	\$632,846	\$657,581	
Median project amount	\$17,660	\$20,393	\$16,134	\$21,670	

Delivery of Library Services:

“We’re part of the Department of Public Instruction (DPI), which allows us to partner at the public library level with K–12 schools in areas such as early childhood literacy, adolescent literacy, and closing the achievement gap, as well as reaching the underserved. DPI has a departmental initiative on serving adolescents that we were able to work on using LSTA funds. This task force has people from K–12 education, public libraries, and DPI. Our location fosters collaboration and partnering.

“Every public library is in one of the 17 regional library systems, allowing us to advance initiatives to a wider audience. If we relied solely on our staff to do it all, they couldn’t cover the entire state. Systems carry out the initiatives and maximize LSTA dollars. The experts at DPI “train the trainers” in a number of areas.”

Challenges in the Coming Five Years:

1. Budget limitations at the local and state level.
2. Increased poverty among children, especially children of color.
3. Increased demand for technology and bandwidth.

Program Goals for 2008–2012

- To ensure that libraries and library systems utilize technology to improve services and facilitate access to materials and information resources in Wisconsin libraries and from other sources for the benefit of all Wisconsin residents.
- To ensure convenient access to a wide range of quality library and information services for all Wisconsin residents, including those who have difficulty using a library because of limited literacy and language skills, educational or socioeconomic barriers, or a disability.

Exemplary Project: Waterford Public Library

Project title	Waterford Area Historical Digitization Project
Library	Waterford Public Library
LSTA Funds Expended FY06	\$5,170
Total Cost FY06	\$5,170
Program Category	Library Service Expansion and Access

This digitization project allowed Waterford Public Library the opportunity to preserve and index 26 historic books and manuscripts, 59 maps, and 682 images from the early years of settlement in western Racine County. This information is now available on the Internet worldwide as part of the University of Wisconsin, State of Wisconsin Digital archive. The Waterford Library hosted a reception to solicit the help of residents in identifying subject matter in historic pictures which were to be submitted. More than 100 people attended the event and at least 10 families came forward with their private family pictures to be submitted for digitization. The entire Waterford Local Area History project is available online.