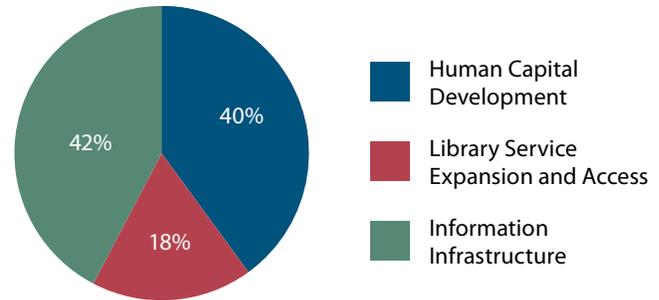


LSTA GRANTS TO STATES PROFILE: ARIZONA



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	Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records
Agency governance	Under the legislative branch of the state government and reporting to a board
Population served in 2006	6,178,251
FY 2006 total expenditures	\$11,945,465
Grants to States allotment total for FY 2003–2006	\$12,099,617
Chief Officer	GladysAnn Wells, State Library, Archives and Public Records Director
Web site	www.lib.az.us

Interview Highlights with the Chief Officer, GladysAnn Wells

Greatest Program Impact in the Last Five Years:

“LSTA has provided seed money to do proof of concept; the State Library is able to lead in preserving digital government and providing citizen access. We received a Library of Congress digitization grant after LSTA provided the initial seed money to test our concept. We use LSTA to help libraries position themselves as vital community resources.

“Arizona is growing; we’re building libraries and they’re staying open! Our libraries are heavily used, both in traditional ways and in new ways—bilingual reading to kids, post-employment/retirees learning new things.”

Delivery of Library Services:

“We work directly with the counties, libraries, etc.; it’s easier for LSTA to make a difference because we have a direct relationship with users and libraries. Four-fifths of the Arizona population is in Tucson and Phoenix. But with LSTA we’ve been able to provide better access throughout

Program Data by Fiscal Year, FY 2003–2006

Arizona	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	All Years
Total Allotment	\$2,961,981	\$2,946,156	\$3,041,222	\$3,150,258	\$12,099,617
Number of projects reported	72	67	86	70	295
Largest project amount	\$319,823	\$345,078	\$739,302	\$520,365	
Median Project Amount	\$16,913	\$24,850	\$16,407	\$25,000	

a very rural state; LSTA levels the playing field and greatly enhances end user access.”

Challenges in the Coming Five Years:

1. Fiscal—the economy is a challenge for everybody across the United States. LSTA gives us the luxury of leveraging dollars. We have done lots—Gates, National Endowment for the Humanities, trusts, E-Rate, etc. LSTA helps us get the rest of the way. LSTA can help libraries be handicapped accessible through different formats and to do outreach to underserved populations for library services.
2. Demographics and how communities are changing—There are an enormous number of charter schools and homeschoolers in Arizona—we have to help libraries reach out to them, and help them educate for their whole lives.
3. The division between the digital haves and have-nots—we leverage E-Rate dollars; people without computers at home can go to the library. Internet access is expensive for people in rural areas. Providing Wi-Fi may seem like a small thing in some communities, but in little Patagonia it’s enormous!

Program Goals for 2008–2012

- **Customer Experience Goal Statement:** Arizona libraries will offer virtual and physical customer experiences for traditional and alternative library audiences to enhance the user’s ability, regardless of literacy level, to find and use information and services available to them.
- **Community Responsiveness Goal Statement:** Arizona communities will recognize library staff as having the ability to participate in assessing community needs, identifying resources, and planning collaboratively to address needs and opportunities via a portfolio of library services and programs that educate, inform, and interest community members.
- **Continuous Progress Goal Statement:** Arizona librarians will expand and enhance their ability to meet the lifespan learning needs of Arizonans.
- **Collaboration Goal Statement:** Arizona libraries will

use partnerships and collaboration with various types of libraries and cultural institutions to extend services, to reach new audiences, and to better serve the information needs of the rapidly growing, culturally and demographically diverse Arizona population.

- **Connections Goal Statement:** Arizonans will view libraries as trusted, knowledgeable, easy-to-access sources of information whether they connect in person, online, or via another organization.

Exemplary Project: Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records

Project title	Building a New Generation of Readers
Library	Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records
LSTA Funds Expended FY06	\$53,639
Total Cost FY06	\$60,893
Program Category	Human Capital Development

Building a New Generation of Readers is a statewide early literacy project to support libraries in teaching parents and early childcare providers strategies to prepare preschool children to become readers. With the State Library providing training and materials to the library staff, participating libraries then offered workshops. They also taught parents and caregivers through everyday interactions; by creating space in their libraries where adults and children could enjoy doing early literacy activities together; and by modeling and pointing out early literacy strategies in story time. Libraries were strongly encouraged to choose community partners and reach outside library walls. The Public Library Association’s research-based *Every Child Ready to Read @ Your Library* continued as the basis for this early literacy instruction. An early literacy trainer, Saroj Ghoting, was hired to create a document showing alignment of the curriculum with the Arizona Department of Education’s Early Learning Standards for Language and Literacy. She also prepared materials to distribute at trainings statewide, giving suggestions in a very readable style for ways to help prepare children to read.