

SPR Bootcamp

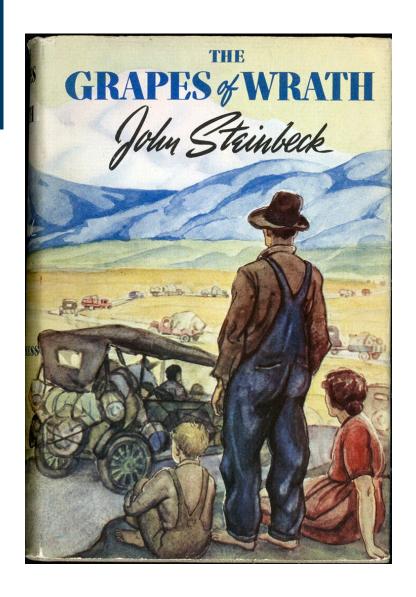
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Overview

- Reporting Concepts
- Narrative Reporting
- Financials
- Technical Tips
- Using SPR Data





Reporting Concepts

Goals of Online SPR Report

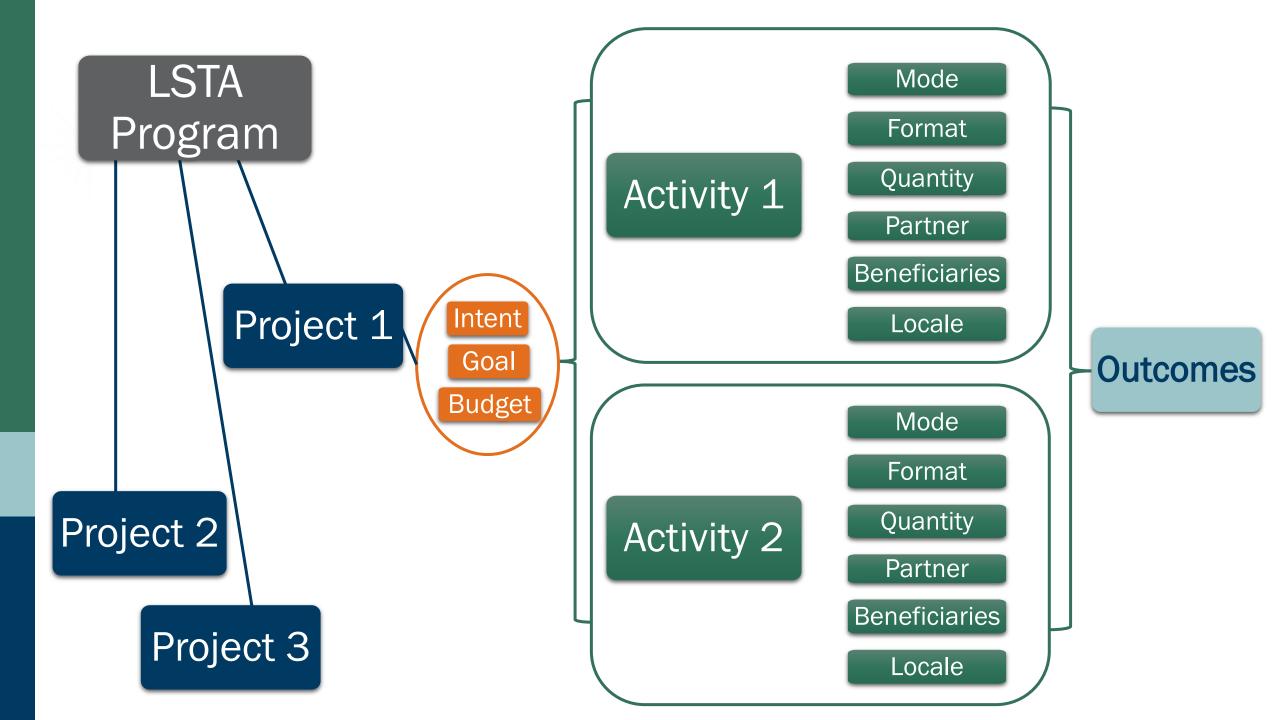
- A more dynamic tool to capture data
 - How are funds used?
 - Who are the beneficiaries?
 - Where are activities happening?
- Standardize reporting process to increase comparability of project reports
- Share information to facilitate peer learning
- Mode of communication between state and federal entities

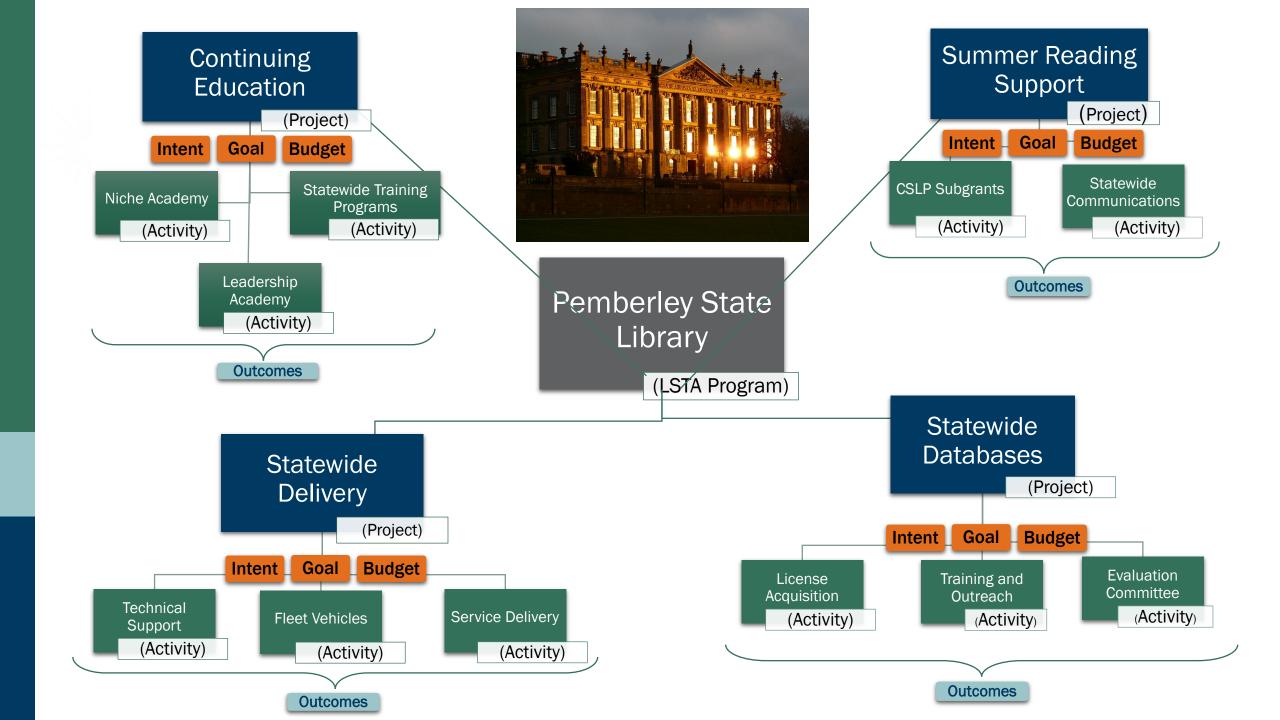
Resources for the SPR

- SPR Overview and Guide
 - Gives a full picture of the State Program Report including logging in, reporting concepts, adding projects, intents, subjects, activities, outcomes, tags, financial reporting, validating and certifying the report
- IMLS State Program Reporting Requirements
 - Describes SPR framework, includes a list of all SPR questions, and defines SPR data elements
- SPR Reporting System User Documentation SLAA View
 - Guides users through the SPR system, with screenshots and a glossary

Projects

- Set of discrete and interdependent activities carried out to achieve an intended outcome
- Contains allocable resources e.g., dollars spent, people responsible for accomplishing tasks, venue or service location(s), time spent







Intents and Focal Areas

- Lifelong Learning
- Information Access
- Institutional Capacity
- Employment & Economic Development
- Human Services
- Civic Engagement

Intent:

-- Select An Intent --

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--- Lifelong Learning

Improve users' formal education.

Improve users' general knowledge and skills.

--- Information Access

Improve users' ability to discover information resources.

Improve users' ability to obtain and/or use information resources.

--- Institutional Capacity

Improve the library workforce.

Improve library's physical and technology infrastructure.

Improve library operations.

--- Employment and Economic Development

Improve users' ability to use resources and apply information for employment support.

Improve users' ability to use and apply business resources.

--- Human Services

Improve users' ability to apply information that furthers their personal, family or household finances. Improve users' ability to apply information that furthers their personal or family health & wellness. Improve users' ability to apply information that furthers their parenting and family skills.

--- Civic engagement

Improve users' ability to participate in their community.

Intent:			
Improve users' ability to obtain and/or use infor	rmation •		
Arts, Culture & Humanities			
	_	Health & Wellness	
Business & Finance		Parenting & Family skills	
Employment		Personal/Family health & wellness	
Personal Finance			
Small Business		History	
		Languages	
Civic Affairs			
Community Concerns		Literacy	
Government		Adult Literacy	
	_	Digital Literacy	
Education		Early Literacy	
After-school activities		Reading Program (Not Summer Reading)	
		Summer Reading	
Curriculum support			
Environment		Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math (STEM	l) [
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General (select only for electronic databases or	•		
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other data sources)			

Library Infrastructure & Capacity	
Broadband Adoption	
Buildings & Facilities	
Certification	
Collection Development & Management	
Continuing Education and Staff Development	
Disaster Preparedness	
Library Skills	
Programming & Event Planning	
Research & Statistics	
Outreach & Partnerships	
Systems & Technologies	
Other	

Four types of activities

Activities are action(s) through which the intent of a project is accomplished.

Activity Name	Definition
Instruction	Involves an interaction for knowledge or skill transfer.
Content	Involves the acquisition, development, or transfer of information.
Planning/Evaluation	Involves design, development, or assessment of operations, services, or resources.
Procurement	Involves purchasing facilities, equipment/supplies, hardware/software, or other materials (not content) that support general library infrastructure.

Activities

- You should have no more than 10 activities per project
- An activity should be included in your project if it accounts for 10% or more of the total project budget
- Any reported activity should be easily identifiable within the project's budget

Administrative Project

- Many states use the maximum 4% allowed for administration, though not required
- The 4% cap only applies to federal funds, so you may account for additional administrative costs with match contributions

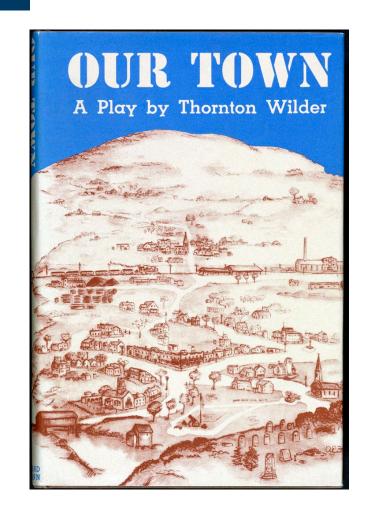


- Derived from your Five-Year Plan
- All reported projects in the SPR must be associated with one state goal
- Value emerges during Five-Year Plan evaluations
- Be mindful of reporting years vs. active grant years when working with State Goals in the SPR



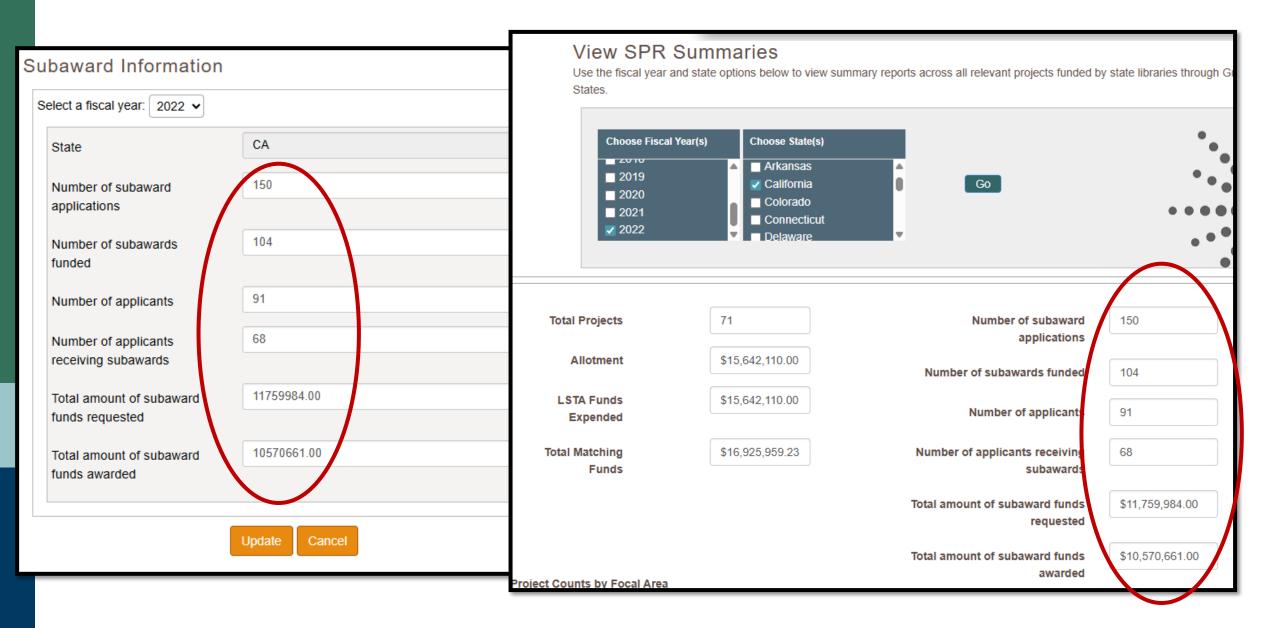
Statewide Projects

- A Statewide Project:
 - has the entire state's population as potential beneficiaries rather than a specific, and smaller, target audience;
 - is usually administered by the SLAA



Consolidating Subawards

- Individual subawards may be combined together in a single project report if they:
 - Support a single Intent;
 - Cover the same subjects; AND
 - Target similar beneficiaries.



Match-Only Projects

- Entered as regular project
- Assign "Intent"
- Report at least one "Activity"
- Include "Match-Only" in title

Exemplary Projects

- An opportunity to showcase particularly notable projects
- Determining why a project is exemplary is up to you: exceptional outcomes, stellar subgrantee administration, etc.
- Provides IMLS with helpful talking points when showcasing your state



Narrative Reporting

General Narrative Tips

- Use plain language (avoid acronyms and jargon)
- Write in the past tense
- Use position titles, not staff names
- Save Often!
- Use unique project title names
 - Within a project, titles and narratives should be distinct from each other
- Abstract Lengths should be kept to around 160 words

Project Abstracts

Abstract:

OCLC software

Abstract: Delaware Library Access Services (DLAS) is the state of Delaware's local network of the Library of Congress National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled (NLS). NLS is a free library service for people with temporary or permanent low vision, blindness, or a physical disability that prevents them from reading or holding the printed page. Eligible patrons may receive books and magazines in braille or audio format, through free mail delivery or digital download. DLAS provides library services to eligible blind and print disabled residents of the state of Delaware to meet their needs and expectations through innovative and quality service. Books and magazines in a specialized format for use with a Digital Book Machine and other approved devices are either mailed directly to the patron at home, or the patron may access the books and magazines via direct download. Braille material is also made available through an agreement between DLAS and the Library of Accessible Media for Pennsylvanians (LAMP).

Abstract: The Youth Services Coordinator (YSC) for the Maryland State Library Agency (MSLA)participated in several statewide programs and partnerships to promote youth services amongst library staff. The Coordinator participated in statewide action groups, including the MD Family Engagement Coalition and the State Early Childhood Advisory Council, to help further awareness and action surrounding state early literacy initiatives. Within the MD Family Engagement Coalition, the Coordinator served as a member of the Technology Subcommittee. The Youth Services Coordinator also guided Maryland's summer reading program: provided statewide trainings to Youth Services staff about YALSA Transforming Teen Topics(T3), STEM, Teen Mental Health, Family Data Privacy, and media mentorship topics; and convened monthly check-in meetings of the statewide library youth services coordinators to foster sharing, networking, and collaboration. The Youth Services Coordinato contributed to the following partnerships which enhanced youth services programs throughout Maryland: - YALSA - provided training on tween/middle school programming as well as "T3: Transforming Teen Services" topics: Youth Development, Connected Learning, Computational Thinking, Educational Equity, and Guided Facilitation, - Maryland Family Engagement Coalition - provided a public library perspective, MSLA liaison - Maryland Library Association - MSLA liaison - Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs - partnered with the Director of Advocacy & Outreach to provide a Summit about library services and programs for military-connected youth and military families -Maryland Department of Health - partnered with Director, MD Commitment to Veterans in planning trainings for library staff regarding veterans mental health and suicide prevention - Mid-Atlantic Equity Consortium - served on their Advisory Council to help bring awareness of the importance of developmental pla to families, including through library programming, and was a member of the CAFÉTEA sub-committee (Technology, Equity & Access) which created a technology and media literacy basics parental guide. The Youth Services Coordinator (YSC) coordinated Maryland Public Libraries' statewide, annual summer reading program as a member of the Collaborative Summer Library Program consortium(CSLP), individualized by county. The primary purpose of the program is to ensure that all Maryland students discover and participate in reading and other enriching activities that are engaging for youth and families during the summer months when school is not in session and schedules allow for varied exploration of interests. In the summer of 2021, libraries followed the CSLP theme, "Tails & Tales" as they created their various reading and Literature." The Youth Services Coordinator of the Maryland State Library Agency provided opportunities for increased awareness and learning

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- Differentiate what is paid for with LSTA and Matching funds
- Provide position titles and FTEs
- Avoid generic terms like, "other" or "miscellaneous"
- "Other Operational Expenses" means indirect costs for sub-awardees



Activity Abstract

- Character limit is important
- Should be distinct from larger project abstract
- Refrain from listing outcomes; that's for later
- When choosing an "other" Activity Format, a brief description is encouraged

Activity: Instruction

Mode: Program

Format: Other

Other mode/format:

Eleven library staff members from around Alaska where able to travel and participate in a variety of library training opportunities.



- Quantity info in activities contribute to the larger story of your SPR projects
- Can help articulate statewide reach of training programs, express the value of large-scale acquisitions, and more
- Pair quantity information with narrative elements to provide a complete picture



- Consider this as part of the larger project narrative
- Refer to additional materials within the other narrative sections of the SPR as needed
- Note! Additional Materials do not appear in the Public View

Outcomes

- Project outcomes are required!
 - Don't just leave it blank; even if there's not much to add here, please indicate as such
- Ideas for possible outcomes:
 - Cost savings
 - Changes in logistics
 - Quotes from users
 - Anecdotal stories
- For ongoing projects: opportunity to add yearspecific reflections/observations



Financials



Interim Financial Reports

- Annual Reporting is required by law
- You are reporting on FY2025 allotment
- Due December 30th
- Covers October 1, 2024 September 30, 2025: the first year of the award period
- Use exact figures
- Must be certified by the Authorized Certifying Official

Final Financial Status Report (FSR)

- FSR data should be entered for the two-year award period.
- The FSR corresponds to entered projects, which populate most of FSR data.
- We recommend you look at this last, as it automatically captures all of the project budget information

Financial Status Report (FSR)

The White Fields must be completed:

- Enter Maintenance of Effort (MOE)
- Enter all other recipient outlays not previously reported (if applicable – typically \$0).
- Enter total unliquidated obligations (Should be \$0)
- Enter IMLS-approved date unliquidated obligations are expected to clear (if applicable, typically \$0).

The grey fields are system-generated from other parts of the report and cannot be edited:

- Minimum MOE Required
- MATCH-State Funds expended specifically on the Five-Year-Plan (auto-populated from projects)
- MATCH-Other funds expended specifically on the Five Year-Plan (auto-populated from projects)
- Total Match (system calculated; must be at least \$.01 to successfully validate report)
- Minimum Match Required (system calculated)
- Unobligated balance of Federal funds (these funds to be deobligated) (system calculated)
- Federal share of net outlays (system calculated)
- LSTA Administrative Costs:

Allowed: This figure represents 4% of the federal allotment (system calculated)

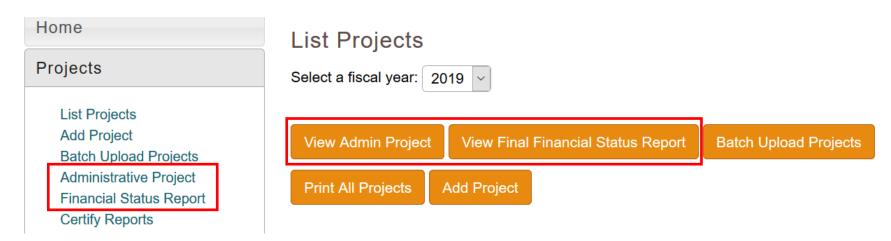
Actual: Auto-populated from the Administrative Project.

Difference: The system-calculated difference between the allowed 4% and what the State Library spent to administer this grant program.

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Minimum MOE Required		\$	0.00
MATCH-State funds expended specifically on the Five-Year Plan		\$	7100.00
MATCH-Other funds expended specifically on the Five-Year Plan		\$	1600.00
Total Match		\$	8,700.00
Minimum Match Required 6		\$	0.00
All other recipient outlays not previously reported		\$	0.00
Total unliquidated obligations (expected to clear by Dec. 30 or later IMLS-approved date)		\$	0.00
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- You still have to open the Administrative Project separately in order to change its status
- We recommend opening and saving the Financial Status Report at the very end of your reporting process to reflect the final information in the projects





Technical Tips



Logging In: https://imls-spr.imls.gov/Login

Ways to Prevent Data Loss:

- Chrome and Firefox are recommended browsers
- Don't open two browser windows or tabs for the SPR at the same time
- Multiple users should not work on editing an SPR project at the same time



Grants To States Program

Report

Sign In To Continue To The State Program Report

Sign In

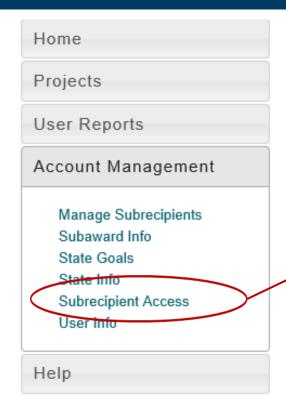
If you have trouble signing in, contact your Program Officer.

User Roles

User Role	Add/View/ Edit all projects	Add/View/Edit Admin Project, Financial Status Report, Interim Federal Financial Report	Certify Report	Validate Report	Add Subrecipient User Accounts
ACO	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes
Coordinator	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes
SLAA Project Data Entry	Yes				
Financial Manager	Yes	Yes			

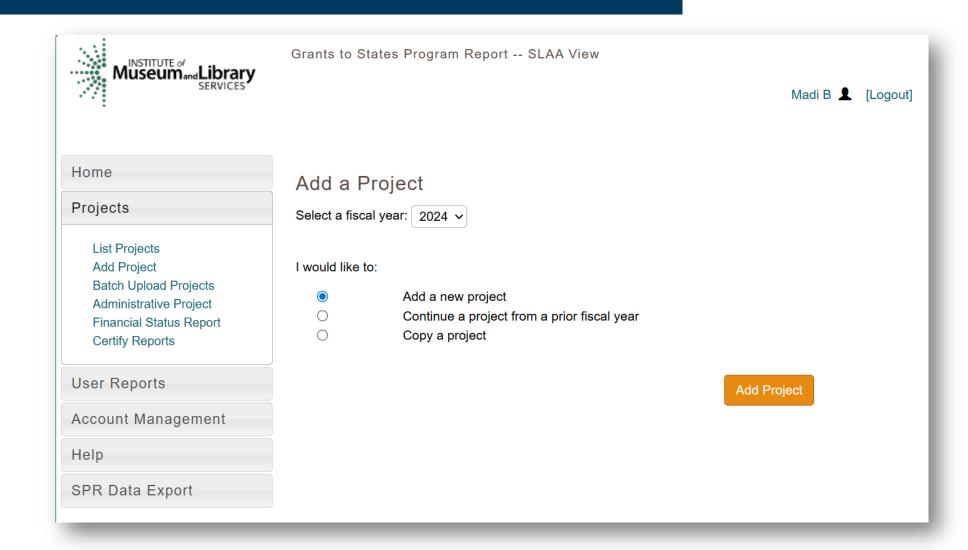


Subrecipients





Adding Projects



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Project Batch Upload

Purpose

The Batch Upload Templates provide a method to create a stub record containing selected information about SPR projects. You may include as many projects as desired in this template, but mistakenly added projects must be deleted individually. This template does not upload all SPR fields due to the relationships between fields, but will provide a jump-start on data entry.

How-To

Download one of the Excel Templates (below) and add the named fields for your projects. Any formatting added to the fields will not be retained when adding projects using the Batch Upload Template. Below is an explanation of each of the fields for the template:

Title - *REQUIRED* Can contain any alphanumeric characters.

Fiscal Year - *REQUIRED* Should be a four number year for the fiscal year. **Pay particular attention to this date.**

Project Abstract - Can contain any alphanumeric characters. Limit 30000 characters.

State Project Code - Can contain any alphanumeric characters.

Start Date - *REQUIRED* Should be a date (e.g. 12-31-2014)

End Date - *REQUIRED* Should be a date (e.g. 12-31-2014)

Project Tags - Comma separated list of project tags

Project Budgets - Decimal fields, each type in its own column.

If you have questions

If you have any issues or questions about how to use the Batch Upload Template, please contact IMLS at sprhelp@imls.gov.

Templates

2003 Template (.xls)

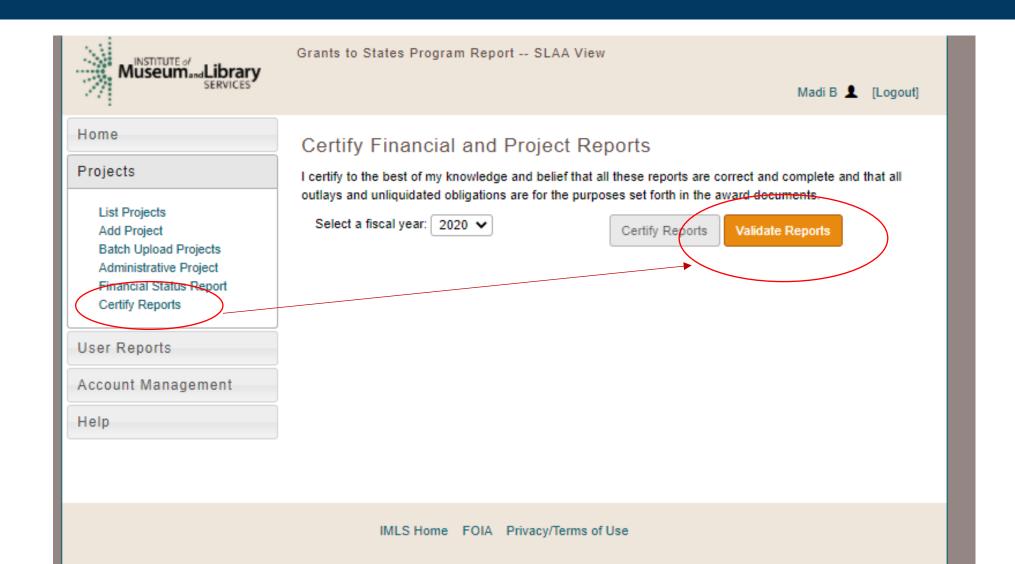
Excel 2007+ Template (.xlsx)

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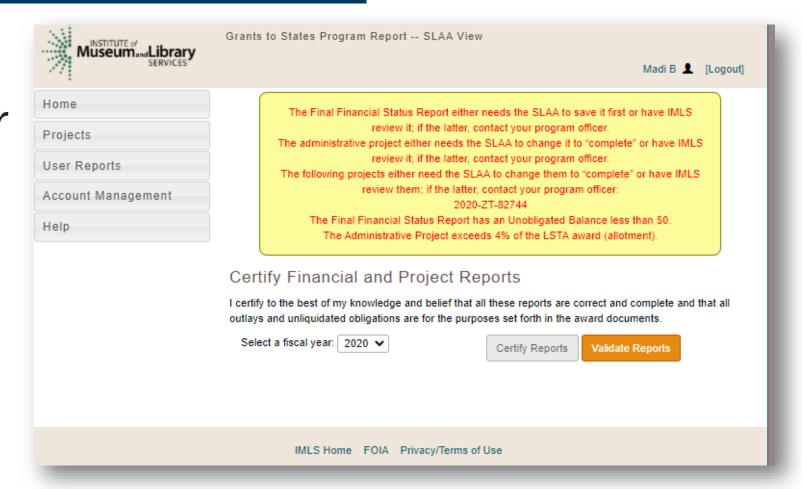
Finished? Try Validating the SPR





Possible errors

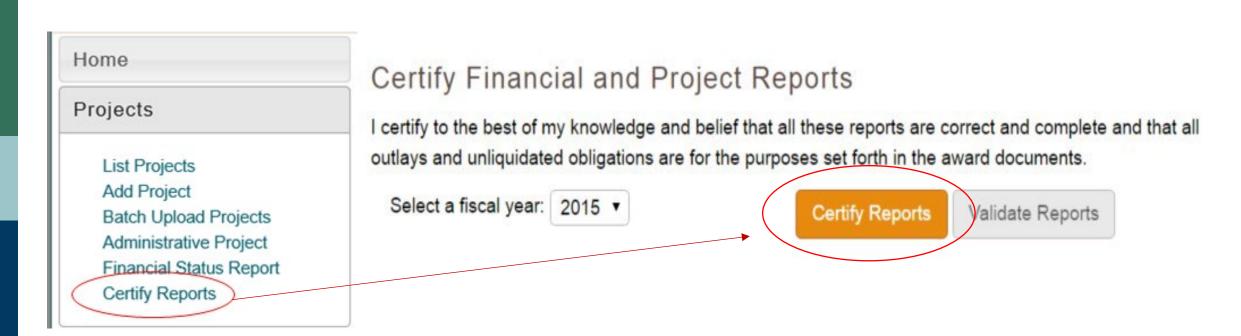
 You could receive an error message if your projects aren't completed





Certify the SPR

Remember: Only the Authorized Official can certify





Using SPR Data



URL: https://imls-spr.imls.gov/Public

Contains report data from 2014 onward from

all 59 states IMLS Labs: Search SPR Projects

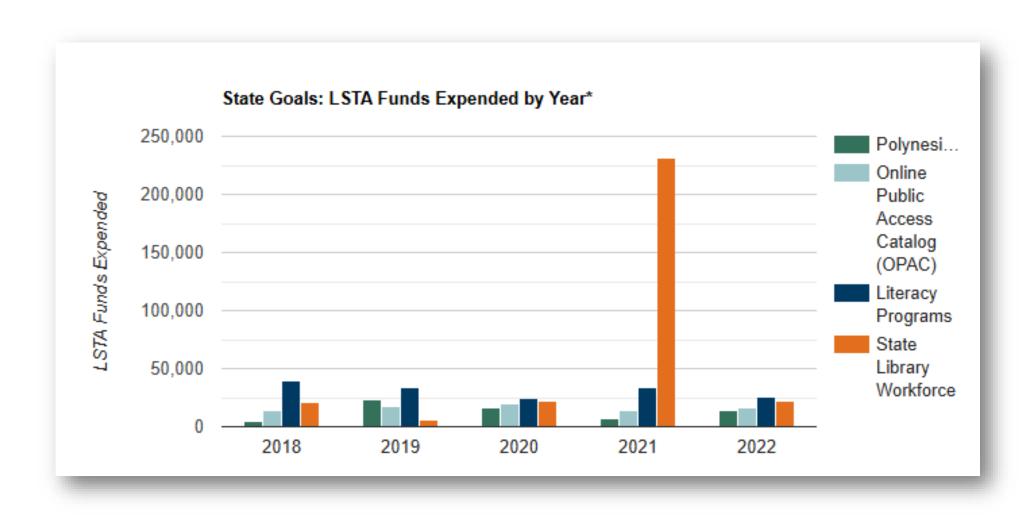
Welcome to IMLS Labs, a place for visitors to try new capabilities IMLS is exploring for sharing information with the public. Some of these capabilities may still have bugs in them-please help us find those issues and send us feedback.

The Grants to States program is the largest source of federal funding support for library services in the U.S. Using a population based formula, funds are distributed among the State Library Administrative Agencies (SLAAs) every year and ultimately support over 1,500 projects. These include statewide initiatives and services, and SLAAs may also distribute the funds through competitive subawards to, or cooperative agreements with, public, academic, research, school, or special libraries or consortia (for-profit and federal libraries are not eligible).

The tools available here will allow you to search or browse these annual IMLS Grants to States projects. Please note that these are two-year awards that are reported after the period of performance; for example, funds distributed in Fiscal Year 2014 were not reported until the end of calendar year 2015. See the IMLS Grants to States program overview for more information.

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SPR Dashboard



Data Export



Grants to States Program Report -- IMLS View

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Projects	Of It Bata Export				
User Reports	Select Start Year, End Year and Project Status(es) from below options to generate the report. Clicking				
Account Management	the "Generate Reports" button will start the report generation process. This may take a few minutes time to complete depending on the number of years selected and starting any other functionality in the				
Help	IMLS SPR application will stop the report generation process. Options to download files are displayed when the file generation is completed. Click "Download" to				
SPR Data Export	download individual file and save to local folders.				
	Select Start Year: 2022 ✓				
	Select End Year: 2024 ♥				
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Questions?

WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE



STORY AND PICTURES BY MAURICE SENDAK

Break

2:30 - 2:45 PM (Eastern Time)