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State Leadership and Digital Hubs: Maximizing the Investment





Discussion Background

To date, the IMLS has invested over a billion dollars in developing and improving digital tools, services and infrastructure for libraries

Discretionary: 2005-2013

Advancing Digital Resources priority of the National Leadership Grants for Libraries program has invested \$30 million in the development of digital resources

Grants to States: 2002-2011

Grants to States program has supported \$980 million in information infrastructure projects

Areas of funding:

- Massive digitization/repositories/data aggregation
- Data residencies/skills training
- Libraries as publishers
- E-books ecosystem
- Digital tool development

14 States have provided greater than \$1 million in funding, regardless of library type

Leveraging Investment: a National Convening

- *Encouraged IMLS to prioritize improving and better connecting the most promising digital tools, services and content that have clear potential to scale up.*
- “... a clear need to shift away from supporting a range of one-off individual projects and focus more on supporting projects that catalyze and advance the capability and capacity for libraries to meet the needs of their users across the country.”

Grants to States Digitization

\$67 million toward digitization efforts

State support for digital initiatives has not decreased since 2003!



State Leadership and Digital Hubs

- Many long-standing state digital collaboratives
- State and regional collaborations underway
- Strong user desire to have a single point of access
- Strong desire to minimize equipment purchases, maximize content availability
- Some states want to become a part of the Digital Public Library of America (DPLA)

Different States, Different Models

- Hub activity with known SLAA involvement
 - Ohio
 - North Carolina
 - Massachusetts
 - South Carolina
- DPLA Hubs
 - More than 40 states have expressed interest
 - Many completely independent of SLAAs
 - Some duplicative of SLAA efforts

Finding the Best Role for Your State

- What models exist for SLAA involvement in digital hubs?
- How many states are currently funding digitization projects?
- How many states are looking at digitization as a coordinated, statewide activity?
- How many states have coordinated centers across the state aimed at digitization, metadata enhancement?
- How many provide repository services?
- How many provide data aggregation? (indexing of metadata and provision of discovery and delivery of content digitized across the state?)

Discussion?