

Illinois State Library
Library Services & Technology Act (LSTA) Funding in Illinois
Comparing “Block” and “Competitive” Grants

The Institute of Museum & Library Services (IMLS) is funded through the annual federal appropriations process as a federal agency that administers discretionary programs including the federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funds. In Illinois, the terms “block” and “competitive” are frequently used to describe different types of grant programs administered by IMLS. All IMLS funding to the Illinois State Library is LSTA funding, whether block or competitive, and is awarded by IMLS under the Museum and Library Services Act General Provisions.

IMLS Appropriations History, 2013–2016
(Budget Authority in 000's)

	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016 Request
Museum and Library Services Act (MLSA) General Provisions				
Research, Evaluation, and Data Collection	1,787	1,820	1,820	1,787
Library Services Technology Act (LSTA)				
Grants to States	150,000	154,848	154,848	154,500
Native American Library Services	3,667	3,861	3,861	4,063
National Leadership: Libraries	11,377	12,200	12,200	17,500
Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,500
SUBTOTAL, LSTA	175,044	180,909	180,909	186,563
Museum Services Act (MSA)				
Museums for America	19,564	20,200	20,200	21,457
Native American/Hawaiian Museum Services	877	924	924	972
National Leadership: Museums	7,468	7,600	7,600	11,168
SUBTOTAL, MSA	27,909	28,724	28,724	33,597
African American History Culture Act				
Museum Grants for African American History and Culture	1,336	1,407	1,407	1,481
Agency Wide				
Administration	13,745	14,000	15,000	14,000
TOTAL	219,821	226,860	227,860	237,428



“Competitive”
Awarded to
ISL in the past

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Illinois State Library - Springfield, IL

Year: 2014

Amount: \$100,000

Grant: [National Leadership Grants for Libraries](#)

The Illinois State Library will manage a National Leadership Forum Grant to explore how libraries can help communities to address the topic of Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD). This project will provide a model to develop partnerships with multi-type libraries, education, government, medical and ASD services organizations, and other organizations whose work intersects with this special needs population. Two forums will convene in Springfield IL, in March and September 2015 to: 1) develop an implementation plan to increase autism awareness, education and support services; 2) develop an implementation plan to increase and streamline on-line access to the wealth of information that provides support for families and individuals with ASDs; and 3) establish sustainable, inter-organizational partnerships committed to enhancing ASD support statewide.

- Applied for separately
- Grant limits depend on appropriation from Congress
- Reviewed by peers
- Annual application rounds

Competitive

Illinois State Library - Springfield, IL

Year: 2014

Amount: \$500,000

Grant: [Laura Bush 21st Century Librarians Program](#) - Continuing Education

The Illinois State Library will expand its successful ILEAD USA program to the states of Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Vermont, and hold convenings in the existing ILEAD USA states of Colorado, Ohio, Utah, and Illinois in 2015. ILEAD USA is a leadership and technology immersion program that brings diverse teams of library staff together to work cooperatively over the course of nine months to address a community need related to IMLS priorities. The teams use technology tools to craft a project that meets these needs. Their learning is not only at three in-person sessions, but also virtually during two intersessions.

- All states receive
- Based on formula
- Amount depends on appropriation from Congress
- MOE

Competitive

Block

Illinois State Library - Springfield, IL

Year: 2012

Amount: \$5,664,245

Grant: [Grants to State Library Administrative Agencies](#)

Illinois State Library - Springfield, IL

Year: 2012

Amount: \$470,000

Grant: [Laura Bush 21st Century Librarians Program](#) - Continuing Education

The ILEAD USA project, sponsored by the Illinois State Library, seeks to help librarians develop new technology skills by meeting a specific community need, all the while being supported by peer learners in a network of collaborating teams. Building on a successful statewide project in Illinois, the 18-month continuing education immersion initiative is designed to expand librarians' leadership abilities while also helping them

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