

GATHERING IDEAS FOR FUTURE STATEWIDE PROJECTS 2014

The Library Council of Washington is looking for your help in identifying ideas for the use of federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funding to meet statewide library needs and opportunities.

Project name (a short descriptive title)

Trustee Training

Library, group, or person submitting proposal Jeff Martin

Library Name, if different Washington State Library

Contact Person _____ Title _____

Address _____

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1. Briefly describe your idea for the use of LSTA funding (limit your response to approximately ½ page):

One of the ideas generated at the public library directors meeting in January not covered elsewhere. This idea would set aside funding for trustee training covering a variety of subjects of value to library governance and administration, visioning of the future of libraries and related topics which by necessity would be eligible for use of LSTA funding.

2. Briefly describe why funding of this idea is important to the Washington library community (limit your response to approximately ½ page):

Trustees play a critical role in most libraries. They set policy, have responsibility for the setting and oversight of budgets, are part of the community face of the library along with staff, work closely with the director in the high level administration of the library, and take on numerous other roles. The more knowledgeable the trustees, the more capable the trustees, the more likely the library will be an efficient and effective resource to the community it serves.

3. Briefly describe the outcome that is expected should the idea be funded. In other words, how will we know if the project has been successful and has achieved its goals? (limit your response to approximately ½ page):

Every other year a face-to-face gathering would occur over one or two days. The gathering would provide opportunities for learning about the role of the trustee, their relationship to the director, provide resources for education on topics related to legal, financial, planning, vision, or other topics. The gathering would provide time for networking and provide keynote speakers who are thought-provoking and inspirational. Funds may also be used for focused single topic webinars as the need arises.

General Information

Which library types are intended as the primary beneficiaries of this project? (check all that apply)

Academic (private and public two-year and four-year academic institutions)

Public (libraries organized under RCW 27.12)

School (private and public K-12 schools)

Special (business and industry, law, medical, other government, tribal, other)

If other, specify: _____

The intended beneficiaries of the project? (check the primary beneficiary)

Library staff

Library users or potential library users

A specific group of staff or users, or a potential user group. Name the target

beneficiaries(s): library governing and advisory boards of trustees

(e.g., children, adults, disadvantaged, remote access library users, unserved community members, reference staff, IT staff, students)

The activities needed to implement this project are envisioned to include (check all that apply):

User training

Staff training

Grants

Development of best practices

Demonstration of emerging technology or practices

Other, please explain:

Trustee training

Considering the outcome desired, how long should the project continue? _____
(Note that most projects are from one year to four years in length.)

Which Library Council areas of focus support the idea you are submitting (check all that apply)

1. Advance applied literacy in the state of Washington in areas such as legal research, health information, employment/job searching, and developing civic/voter education resources.

2. Enhance libraries relevancy in a democratic society.

3. Serve underserved, unserved, and culturally diverse communities and populations.