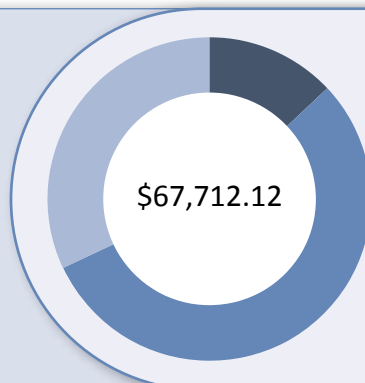
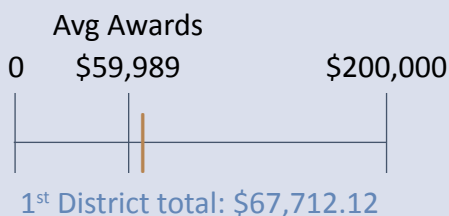





Services to Libraries: 1st Legislative District

The Washington State Library (WSL) is the only agency in Washington that is specifically designated by law to assist libraries and to ensure that residents of the entire state have access to library and information services. WSL achieves these goals using federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funds, offering projects to improve libraries, consulting services, grants, subsidies and training to libraries.

Examples of services include support for digital literacy programming, Microsoft Office training and industry-recognized certification, early literacy programming, professional grants, specialized training for library administration, circulating STEM kits, group cost-sharing for online databases, and 24/7 online reference support for college students and Washington residents.

Awards & Subsidies



-  Library grants
-  Databases
-  Digital services

Training Opportunities

64
individuals trained

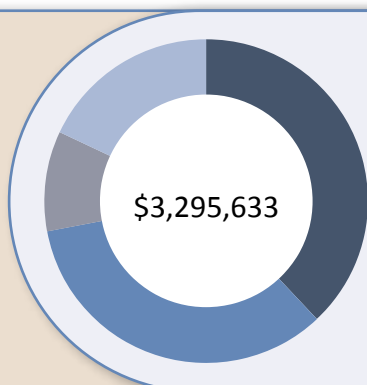
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



and more!

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Total Federal Funding



-  Statewide Projects
-  Awards & Subsidies
-  Washington Talking Book & Braille Library (WTBBL)
-  Prison & Hospital Libraries



Approximately \$1.37 of federal LSTA funding is received to support libraries for each dollar of state funding.

Data from October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016

Visit www.sos.wa.gov/library for more information



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Impact of LSTA Library Funding: 1st District



Brier Elementary received a Future STEMs from Reading grant, which provided 50 new nonfiction books to the library. The STEM books that Brier Elementary received increased circulation by 100 percent in the first quarter! In addition to nonfiction pleasure reading, the books are being used for research. Its librarian reports that the new materials have greatly helped meet their need for books. In just the first two months, 62 percent of the students benefited from these materials for research and classroom learning.

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Nineteen schools in this district received a Refreshing School Libraries grant, which provided \$1,000 to each library to update their nonfiction sections. One librarian reported great enthusiasm for these “current, attractive, informative books in areas of student interest.” Since the library was able to choose the books they needed she was able to tailor her choices to specific interests of the students and teachers.



“The Washington Talking Book & Braille Library provides an invaluable resource for parents and students with visual impairments. The library has many social activities and provides braille books, which are often impossible to find at a regular local library. The literacy of the visually impaired children of the PNW relies on this resource and its very knowledgeable staff!”

“My husband is blind and the talking book service really helps in keeping him busy and listening. I think it also helps his thinking abilities and conversational skills.”