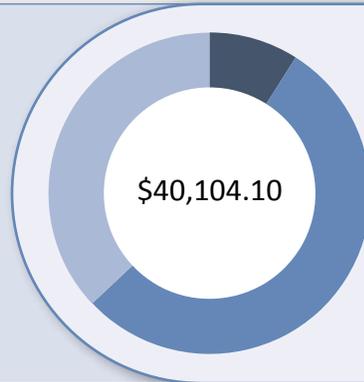
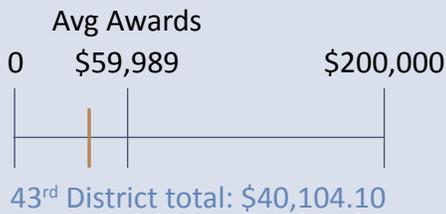


# Services to Libraries: 43<sup>rd</sup> Legislative District

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

**19**  
individuals trained

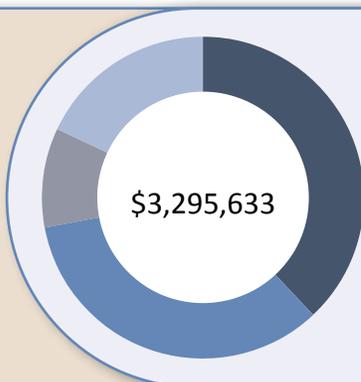
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## Total Federal Funding



- 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

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# Impact of LSTA Library Funding: 43<sup>rd</sup> District



The Seattle Public Library partnered with the Washington State Library to provide free Microsoft Office Specialist certification exams. Through this partnership 471 exams have been given, saving the students a total of \$58,375. Six months after the class 47 percent said their new skills had helped them find a job, or gain a promotion.



The State Library coordinates a worldwide online reference cooperative that allows libraries to “remain open” 24/7. The students at UW are highly appreciative of this service that provides live help for those middle of the night questions. Here are two comments:

- “This service is wonderful! I’ll be using it again a lot in the future. Thanks for providing this resource for us.”
- “This was seamless. The librarian was wonderful—I’m an online certificate student so it’s extra helpful since I can’t get physically to campus.”

“The online databases provided through the Washington State Library are an invaluable research source for my students. My school district would not be able to afford these on our own, and students use them every day for valid information sources.”

“In my work at a public library in Seattle, I frequently use Washington State Library resources to help patrons learn about the history of the region and the history of their families. It plays a vital role in the strong service we provide to patrons.”