

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)

Programming Boxes to Go

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1. Briefly describe your idea for the use of LSTA funding (limit your response to approximately ½ page): Creating programming boxes to go will all

Each participating library would be responsible for developing one or more program boxes. The audience would need to be identified as well the necessary materials and directions for a successful program. These program boxes would then circulate among the collaborating libraries. Collaboration would mean that libraries would benefit from the shared work of others; offering multiple, quality, age appropriate programs for each partner library.

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

Personnel costs are the biggest expense for libraries, and any ideas which enable libraries to stretch their personnel expenditures for maximum benefit to the public should be explored. Rotating program kits have been adopted by libraries which have staff dedicated to specific programming areas such as children's or adult programming. However, many libraries lack designated or specialized staff to create such multiple, quality programs and this grant cycle would present an opportunity for libraries to produce a greater quantity of quality programs at less cost to meet the needs of their communities.

The opportunity for peer to peer learning will broaden the participants' skills and increase the variety of programming available for their patrons.

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):

There will be evidence of peer to peer learning manifested in the higher quality and quantity of programs offered for children and adults.

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): children, teens and adults

(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:

Considering the outcome desired, how long should the project continue? Two to three years
(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.