

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)

Support for the US IMPACT Study and Survey

Library, group, or person submitting proposal Rand Simmons

Library Name, if different Washington State Library

Contact Person _____ Title _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Fax _____ Email _____

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

Support The U.S. Impact Study at the state level such that Washington libraries are better able to understand the impact of free access to computers and the Internet on the individuals, families and communities served by Washington libraries.

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

Access to the Internet has become a central part of American society, helping all of us in many areas of our daily lives. Over the past twenty years, libraries and community technology centers have taken on the role of public access centers for those who are unable to reach the Internet at home or work, for reasons ranging from lack of financial resources to personal preference. The U.S. Impact Study is examining the users and use of these public services to better understand the impact of free access to computers and the Internet on the individuals, families and communities served by these public and private resources.

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):

Results from the U.S. IMPACT Studies and information about each library's own users as provided in a custom U.S. IMPACT survey report will help to communicate to library staff and decision-makers, other policy makers, the public, and the library's patrons the importance of public computers and Internet access in public libraries.

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): _____
(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:

Outreach to stakeholders and interested organizations: There is likely benefit that building a baseline of data and continuing to collect data in subsequent years will provide for better dialog with stakeholders including decision makers. Potentially the State Library will be able to build a statewide understanding of the use of technology and Internet access for stakeholders and decision-makers.

Considering the outcome desired, how long should the project continue? 4 years (3 for data collection plus one year for analysis and wrap up.

(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.