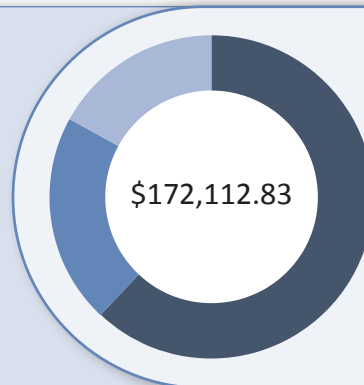
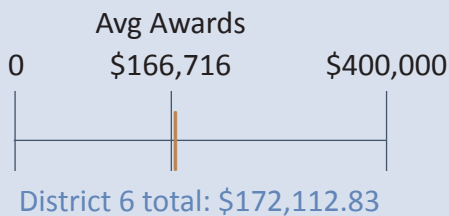





Services to Libraries: Congressional District 6

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, consulting services, grants, subsidies and training to improve 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 other residents of the state.

Awards & Subsidies



-  Library grants
-  Databases
-  Digital services

Training Opportunities

486
individuals trained

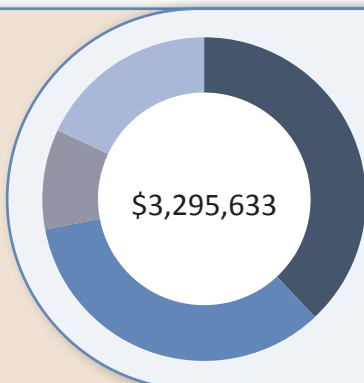
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



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Total Federal Funding



-  Statewide Projects
-  Awards & Subsidies
-  Washington Talking Book & Braille Library
-  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 on District 6

The high school in Port Angeles received a Refreshing School Libraries grant, which allowed it to select \$1,000 worth of non-fiction books for its library. The band teacher requested a fairly expensive text to use with some of his advanced jazz students. He reports that the students are coming in on their own time, practicing and delving into the material. The senior-level students that have been accessing the new materials are ravenous, and have started a group outside of school using the information gleaned from the new book as inspiration. This has increased the buy-in of all his band students in general as “younger students watch the older ones hit their developmental groove and start to soar.”

- “As a person working with inmates, I believe it helps them further their education. It also helps with violence prevention and is more cost-effective in dealing with inmate population and recidivism.”
- “Some women here at Washington Corrections Center for Women never picked up a book while outside of prison. Once in prison they start attending library times to check out books to read them in their cells.”
- “Washington Talking Book & Braille Library is a reading and research lifeline for me. I am blind. My husband lives with Parkinson’s Disease and Lewy Body Dementia.”



John Sedgwick Junior
High School