

## GATHERING IDEAS FOR FUTURE STATEWIDE PROJECTS

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)  
Off the Page: Downloadable Audiobooks for Washington

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

I would like to see LSTA funding to support access to a service such as Overdrive. State support for downloadable audio would help small and medium-size libraries provide access to a fairly expensive service that is becoming more mainstream. It would help all libraries "go where their public is going." As MP3 players have become cheaper, the barrier to providing this service is not so much that our patrons don't have or can't afford the devices to take advantage of downloadable audiobooks, it's that libraries may have a difficult time funding it.

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

Our patrons use these devices for music now. How better to help people incorporate books and reading into more aspects of their lives than to insure that all libraries in Washington State can afford to provide access to the content provided by services such as Overdrive?

We know people use our books on CD and books on tape. This is the next step.

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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 1/2 page):

We will know if the project is successful by the number of people who download books.

## 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:

I think this proposal needs to follow the model of the statewide database licensing project that has been in place for several years. The State would use LSTA money to help offset costs for all participants.

Considering the outcome desired, how long should the project continue? No more than 4 years.

(Note that most projects are from one year to four years in length.)