

LSTA Grant Reporting Procedures

The information included here should be used in conjunction with the Contract and the Application. Although the reporting schedules are discussed here, please make sure you read the Contract carefully.

Also, it is very important that Project Coordinators and Fiscal Officers work closely together. The Project Coordinator is responsible for the narrative report and the Fiscal Officer is responsible for the fiscal reports. Both should work together for program implementation. All documentation, including the application and the Contract, should be shared with the Fiscal Officer.

LSTA staff prefers receiving reports via email. Narrative and financial reports should be sent to lsta@library.ohio.gov. All reporting forms can be found via the [Form Tab](#) on the State Library of Ohio's website.

Requests for project changes should be emailed lsta@library.ohio.gov or you may wish to call and discuss with Cindy Boyden proposed changes prior to submitting a request. Please contact Cindy via cboyden@library.ohio.gov or 614-644-6863.

The administration of the LSTA grant is subject to the provisions required by the Library Services and Technology Act (P.L. 104-208), 2 Code of Federal Regulations 200 and the IMLS specific regulations at 2 CFR Title 2, Part 3187, Institute of Museum and Library Services policies, State Library of Ohio Board policies, the LSTA Five Year Plan 2013-2017, and the laws governing the State of Ohio.

State Library staff wants the LSTA process to be as beneficial to your library and community as possible. Staff members are available to answer your questions and work with you throughout the process. If you have any questions, concerns, or comments, please call the LSTA Office at 800-686-1532 or 614-644-6863.

Project Reports

One of the requirements of having an LSTA grant is that narrative and fiscal reports must be prepared and submitted to the State Library. Reports are necessary to show progress of the project and the information provided is used to report Ohio's LSTA program to the State Library Board and the Institute of Museum and Library Services. The required number and actual due dates of reports can be found in your contract.

Narrative Reports

Narrative reports are to be written against the objectives and activities stated in the application. An electronic version of the form can be found at: <https://library.ohio.gov/services-for-libraries/lsta-grants/#ReportForms>

The narrative report must address the activities scheduled to be undertaken as a part of the project. Any press releases, newspaper articles or other public relation materials appearing to announce or promote the project should be sent to the State Library as an appendix to the electronically submitted narrative report. Also, any materials produced as part of the project should be sent to the State Library for inclusion in the official file.

The number of [Midterm Narrative Reports](#) required is detailed in the contract. In general, midterm narrative reports will show pre-program activities, indicating the equipment/materials were ordered, received, and installed/processed. Any program implementation should be discussed.

IMLS is now requiring the use of standardized questions to evaluate instructional activities. Although a grant recipient may use their own evaluation and/or a pre- and post-test, it is required that the [Instructional Survey](#) be administered immediately following each instructional activity that takes place during the lifetime of the project. The survey is to be used for instructional activities with both staff and the public. Survey results must be included, in the format required by IMLS, with each narrative report.

The [Final Narrative Report](#) is more detailed and is data driven. Grant recipients are encouraged to review the final report form when they begin their project so they can begin to collect the information required for the Final Narrative Report. This is an IMLS-created form and will be uploaded to IMLS by the State Library as part of our Annual Report. The Final Narrative Report should be emailed to the LSTA office on or before the close-out date of the project. Support documentation should also be received at the State Library on or before the close-out date.

Fiscal Reports

Fiscal reports must be prepared against the budget cited in the contract. Fiscal reports **must be** completed and signed by the treasurer. Reports signed by the project coordinator will not be accepted.

The amount of the award, for federal and local funds, is stated in the contract. When preparing the fiscal report(s), use the federal and local amounts stated in the contract, not those in the application. Both the federal and local amounts must be expended during the life of the grant. If the Project Coordinator or Fiscal Officer has questions regarding the budget or the funding amounts, they should contact Cindy Boyden via cboyden@library.ohio.gov or 614-644-6863 for clarification.

Acceptance of a fiscal report is contingent upon the accurate reporting of disbursements and open purchase orders and the correct reporting of any unencumbered balances. **Libraries receiving an LSTA grant are asked to supply the State Library with appropriate back-up documentation to verify that the sub-grantee is in compliance with audit and federal regulations.**

All funds must be encumbered by the termination date and disbursed by the close-out date. Please refer to your contract for specific dates.

The termination report is due at the State Library 15 working days following the termination date. The report should indicate that all funds were encumbered by the termination date. A close-out report, showing final disbursement of funds must be at the State Library within 15 working days of the project's close-out date.

Should all funds be encumbered **and disbursed** by the termination date or earlier, no additional financial reports will be needed. The report will then count as both the termination and close-out report.

All sub-grantees must comply with the requirements and principles as outlined in 2 CFR Part 200-Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards. Institutions expending \$500,000 or more in a year in federal awards (including LSTA funds) will be audited under 2 CFR Part 200.

An electronic version of the report form can be found at:
<https://library.ohio.gov/documents/financial-report/>

Budget Changes

State Library staff realizes that changes can occur between the time you write a grant and the time you begin implementation, such as new technology availability, pricing fluctuation, or items no longer available.

Should it become necessary to change your budget or revise the number and/or type of items to be purchased, you should first call the LSTA Office at 800-686-1532 or email the LSTA office via lsta@library.ohio.gov.

There are three types of budget changes:

- **Budget Adjustments** are used to revise and the number and/or model of items to be purchased. Budget adjustments can be done without prior permission from the State Library. Such changes should be noted in the narrative report. If you have any questions regarding whether or not permission is required to make a change, please contact the LSTA Office.
- **Budget Revisions** are required when funds (local cash or federal) are moved within a category because you wish to purchase an item which is not already a line item in that category or you wish to eliminate a line item that was in the original budget. An example of a budget revision would be if the equipment category includes PCs and a laptop and you wish to purchase a printer or decide not to purchase the laptop. Budget revisions require prior approval from the State Library before the revision is implemented. An email request should be made to the LSTA Program Coordinator at lsta@library.ohio.gov. In most cases, LSTA staff will email an OK to the budget revision and ask that the change be noted in the narrative report.
- **Budget Transfers** are required when moving funds (local cash or federal) from one category to another. An example of a budget transfer would be if you had purchased all of the equipment stated in the equipment category and wished to transfer remaining funds into the supply category to purchase additional printer cartridges and toner. Budget transfers require prior approve from the State Library before the transfer is implemented. An email that includes a completed [Budget Transfer Request](#) form should be sent to the LSTA Program Coordinator at lsta@library.ohio.gov. In most cases, LSTA staff will email an OK to the budget change and ask that the change may be implemented at any time. If necessary, the LSTA Program Coordinator may request additional information or details regarding the request.

Publicity

All publications, press releases, and products produced as part of the LSTA project must credit both the State Library of Ohio and the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

The Institute of Museum and Library Services suggests you use the following language when writing press releases:

"Thanks to a grant from the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), awarded by the State Library of Ohio..."

In terms of publications and marketing materials and/or products, the LSTA Office recommends using one of the following options.

This project was supported in whole or in part by federal Institute of Museum and Library Services funds, granted through the State Library of Ohio. The opinions expressed herein do not necessarily reflect the position or policy of IMLS or the State Library of Ohio, and no official endorsement by either agency should be inferred.

Or,

This publication was funded through an Institute of Museum and Library Services LSTA grant awarded by the State Library of Ohio. The content does not necessarily reflect the position or policy of the granting agencies.

For space-saving concerns you may also use:

"This publication funded in part through an Institute of Museum and Library Services LSTA grant awarded by the State Library of Ohio."

More information on publicity can be found at: <https://library.ohio.gov/services-for-libraries/lsta-grants/#Publicity>. If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Boyden via 800-686-1532, 614-644-6863, or cboyden@library.ohio.gov.