

Brief LSTA Overview

LSTA allotments are based on state population and Minnesota typically receives \$2.6million - \$2.7million per year.

Just under \$1.2million funds Minitex to provide statewide interlibrary loan, which reaches all but 4 public libraries (about 350 locations), most colleges and universities (18) and some schools. Minitex also provides statewide instruction on the Electronic Library for Minnesota, which is open to any staff in any library or school statewide.

About \$550,000 funds the Minnesota Braille and Talking Book Library. The library serves around 10,000 people per year, plus institutions.

State Library Services gives out 10-15 grants (about \$550,000 -\$600,000) per year to libraries - the number of grants and amount of grant award varies - and school libraries as well as public libraries are recipients.

The costs of annual data collection from 356 public libraries, a software subscription plus staff, are paid with LSTA funds and approximately \$75,000 annually.

LSTA funds also support staff and projects such as Early Literacy Training, bookmarks, posters, the Libraries Serving Youth Meetup and the 90 Second Newbery Film Festival. Total costs for these activities, including salaries are under \$250,000 annually.

Use of funds for administrative costs is limited to 4% of the award.

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