

★ Texas State Library and Archives Commission ★



FY 2015 TSLAC Grant Opportunities

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What we'll cover

- ❑ TSLAC funding overview
- ❑ Competitive grant programs
- ❑ Ineligible expenses
- ❑ Grant resources
- ❑ Contact information

TSLAC FUNDING OVERVIEW

Funding overview

- Offered annually subject to the availability of funds; approx. \$1.75 million (FY 2015)
- Federal funds under the Grants to States program from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS)
- Public and academic libraries eligible
- State fiscal year (September 1-August 31)
- Programmatic
- No match required

Library Services & Technology Act

- Funds TSLAC services through IMLS
- 5-year plan (2013-2017)
www.tsl.texas.gov/ld/pubs/lstaplan/5yearplan.html
- Guides TSLAC activities
- Texas needs
 - Digital Inclusion
 - Literacy and Educational Attainment
 - Economic Development

COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAMS

Grant programs

- Texas Reads Grant
- Impact Grant for Library Innovation and Improvement
- TexTreasures Grant
- Library Cooperation Grant
- Special Projects Grant



Texas State Library Reading Room (at Capitol), ca. 1910. Prints & Photographs #11103-132, Texas State Library and Archives Commission.

Texas Reads Grant

Texas Reads Grant

Public library programs promoting reading and literacy in local communities

- Targeted to the entire community or a segment of the community
- Can include basic and family literacy programs, and programs that foster the ability to read, write, and speak English proficiently

Texas Reads Grant

Eligible expenses

- Library materials/supplies — books, software, DVDs/CDs, paper, posters, labels, etc.
- Professional services — speaker fees, temporary/contract personnel
- Staff or contract personnel
- Equipment — computers, printers

Texas Reads Grant

Possible programs

- Book talks
- Author visits
- Born to Read* or *Every Child Ready to Read*
- Book clubs for multiple age groups
- One book, one community
- English as a Second Language (ESL) classes
- Summer reading

Texas Reads Grant

- Funding expected = Up to \$50,000 total
- Maximum award = \$3,000
- No consecutive awards for the same or similar program
- 2014 applications
 - 10/10 funded; \$26,822 total
 - Low = \$1,630; High = \$3,000
 - Avg. award = \$2,682



Lt. Benjamin D. Foulois and Phyllis Parmelee preparing to make Wright Model B aeroplane flight at Ft. Sam Houston, 1911. Prints & Photographs #1975170-1453, Texas State Library and Archives Commission

Impact Grant

Impact Grant

- Provides seed money to implement best practices or try out an innovative idea
- Impact/outcome driven (TSLAC survey)
- Sustainable beyond first year
- Focus areas for 2015
 - Business and Workforce Development; Digital Literacy
 - Family and Early Childhood Literacy
 - E-content Access and Delivery

Impact Grant — Focus Area I

Business and Workforce Development / Digital Literacy

- To enhance Texas business and workforce development, including entrepreneurial endeavors
- To improve technology skills of Texans so that they may use computers and online/electronic resources

Impact Grant — Focus Area 1

Business and Workforce Development / Digital Literacy

- Eligible expenses
 - Equipment
 - Supplies
 - Staff
 - Training for staff and patrons
- Possible programs
 - Computer/software training
 - Job search

Impact Grant — Focus Area 2

Family & Early Childhood Literacy

- To help Texans build a strong foundation for early learning, success in school, and lifelong learning
- Use of best practices are encouraged
 - Born to Read — It's Never Too Early to Start!*
<http://www.ala.org/alsc/issuesadv/bornstoread>
 - Every Child Ready to Read*
<http://www.everychildreadytoread.org/>
 - Other model library programs

Impact Grant — Focus Area 2

Family & Early Childhood Literacy

- Eligible expenses
 - Staff or contract personnel to provide programming
 - Staff training
 - Curriculum
 - Equipment and supplies to provide training (i.e., early literacy computers (AWE) and programs)
- Possible programs
 - Books for Babies
 - Story time
 - E-books and e-readers

Impact Grant — Focus Area 3

E-content Access and Delivery

To enhance patrons' access to electronic information and materials

- Eligible expenses
 - Staff or contract personnel
 - Staff training for patron assistance
 - Equipment — computers, tablets, e-readers, and mobile devices
 - E-content — consortium/group given preference
 - Supplies

Impact Grant — Focus Area 3

E-content Access and Delivery

- Possible programs
 - E-content circulation
 - Digital collection development
 - Roving reference
 - Electronic petting zoos
 - E-content creation
 - Enhanced children's and youth services
 - Mobile technology

Impact Grant

- Funding expected = \$300,000 total
- Maximum award = \$10,000
- No consecutive awards for same focus area or similar type of program
- 2014 applications
 - 26/26 funded; \$221,343 total
 - Low = \$1,213; High = \$10,000
 - Avg. award = \$8,513
 - Funded projects:
www.tsl.texas.gov/ld/funding/lsta/recipients14.html
#impact



The State Capitol, Postcard, ca. 1888. Prints & Photographs #11103-164, Texas State Library and Archives Commission.

TexTreasures Grant

TexTreasures Grant

- Part of TexShare program; must be member
- Helps academic and public libraries make special or unique collections more accessible to library users and researchers across Texas and beyond
- Projects involve cataloging, indexing, or digitizing local materials with statewide significance

TexTreasures Grant

Eligible expenses

- Staff or contract personnel
- Professional services — indexing, microfilming, cataloging, digitization, etc.
- Software
- Equipment
- Supplies

TexTreasures Grant

Possible projects

- Texas history — newspapers, letters, yearbooks, postcards, etc.
- Texas industry — oil/petroleum, agriculture, etc.
- Political figures and events
- Social and cultural figures and events

Complete collections are preferred over partial /piecemeal projects.

TexTreasures Grant

Scoring criteria

- Significance of the collection – Will the materials be useful to persons throughout the state?
- Project design – Has the project been thought out?
- Availability – How will information be accessed?
- Cost effectiveness – Are funds used effectively?
- Evaluation – How will success be evaluated?

TexTreasures Grant

- Funding expected = \$200,000
- Maximum award = \$20,000; \$25,000 for collaborative projects
- Second and third-year funding is possible
- 2014 applications
 - 12/13 funded
 - Low = \$1,729; High = \$25,000
 - Avg. award = \$14,819
 - Funded projects:
www.tsl.texas.gov/ld/funding/lsta/recipients14.html#texttreasures



Cowboys ready to start, Western Life [series], ca 1907. Colored photomechanical postcard view, published by Adolph Selige, Publ. Co — St. Louis Prints & Photographs #1961/B-292, Texas State Library and Archives Commission.

Library Cooperation Grants

Library Cooperation Grant

To promote cooperative services for learning and access to information

- Expand services for learning and access to information & educational resources in a variety of formats
- Develop library services that provide all users access to information through local, state, regional, national, & international electronic networks
- Provide electronic & other linkages between and among all types of libraries
- Develop public and private partnerships with other agencies & community-based organizations

Library Cooperation Grant

Possible projects

- Computer training for seniors
- Workforce-oriented training
- Cooperative digitization programs
- STEM programs
- Resource sharing

Library Cooperation Grant

- Funding expected = \$600,000 total
- Maximum award = \$75,000
- Second and third-year funding is possible
- 2014 applications
 - 9/9 funded; \$574,453 total
 - Low = \$28,080; High = \$75,000
 - Avg. award = \$63,828
 - Funded projects:
 - www.tsl.texas.gov/ld/funding/lsta/recipients14.html
 - #librarycoop



Galveston in Texas [by Eigenthum d.Verleger], ca. 1850. German lithograph, [published by Aus. d. Kunstanz. d. Bibl. Inst. in Hildbhh.]. Prints & Photographs #191114-3, Texas State Library and Archives Commission.

Special Projects Grants

Special Projects Grant

To expand library services to all members of the library's community, including developing programs for populations with special needs:

- Diverse geographic, cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds
- Disabilities
- Limited functional literacy or information skills
- Difficulty using a library
- Underserved urban and rural communities, including children in families below the poverty line

Special Projects Grant

Possible projects

- Computer/technology classes
- Workforce-oriented training
- ESL and GED classes
- Mobile library services
- Educational computers and software
- After-school programs
- Literacy centers and classes

Special Projects Grant

- Funding expected = \$600,000 total
- Maximum award = \$75,000
- Second and third-year funding is possible
- 2014 applications
 - 13/13 funded; \$596,073
 - Low = \$5,995; High = \$75,000
 - Avg. award = \$45,852
 - Funded projects:
www.tsl.texas.gov/ld/funding/lsta/recipients14.html
#specialprojects

Ineligible expenses

1. Building construction or renovation
2. Food, beverages, or food delivery equipment or services
3. Awards, honoraria, prizes, or gifts
4. Equipment or technology not specifically needed to carry out the goals of the grant
5. Transportation/travel for participants or non-grant funded personnel
6. Databases currently offered or similar to ones offered by TSLAC (i.e., a magazine index database may not be purchased if a comparable one is provided by TSLAC)

Ineligible expenses

- 7. Collection development purchases not targeted directly to the grant goals nor integral to the service program
- 8. Advertising or public relations costs not directly related to promoting awareness of grant-funded activities
- 9. Performers or presenters whose purpose is to entertain rather than to educate
- 10. Indirect costs, overhead or Finance & Administration (F&A) costs

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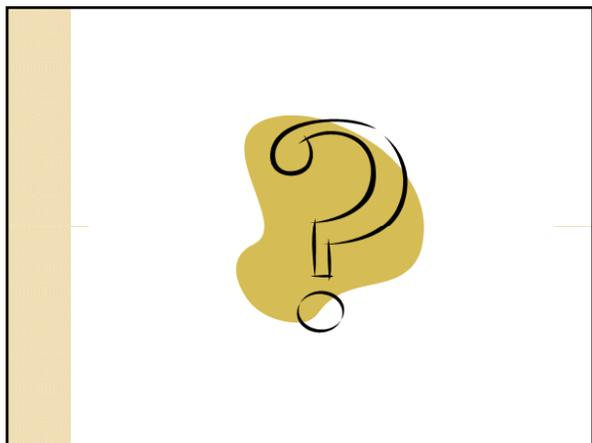
Timeline

Grant Resources

- Grant Guidelines
www.tsl.texas.gov/ld/funding/index.html
- Resources for Current Grantees
 - FY 2014 Forms & Tools -
www.tsl.texas.gov/agency/forms/grantformsFY2014.html
 - Reference -
www.tsl.texas.gov/ld/funding/OnlineGrantHandbook/index.html
- Grant Management System (GMS)
gms.tsl.texas.gov

Grant Resources

- **Webinars**
 - *Applying for TSLAC Competitive Grants: What You Need to Know*, Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2014, 2 p.m.
To register:
www.tsl.texas.gov/ld/workshops/webinars/index.html
 - *2015 TSLAC Competitive Grant Opportunities (1/23/14)*
www.tsl.texas.gov/ld/workshops/webinars/archived.html



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