



**TEXAS STATE LIBRARY
AND
ARCHIVES COMMISSION**

FY 2016 TSLAC Competitive Grant Opportunities

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What we'll cover

- TSLAC funding overview
 - Timeline
 - Eligible applicants
 - 2016 changes
 - Eligible/ineligible expenses
- Competitive grant programs
- Next steps
- Grant resources

TSLAC Funding Overview

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Funding overview

- ❑ Offered annually subject to the availability of funds; approx. \$1.75 million (FY 2016)
- ❑ Federal funds under the Grants to States program from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) through the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA)
- ❑ Public and academic libraries eligible
- ❑ State fiscal year (September 1–August 31)
- ❑ Programmatic
- ❑ No match or cost sharing 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

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Eligible applicants

- ▶ Varies by program
- ▶ Basic requirement
 - Accredited public libraries
 - Accredited academic libraries
 - Nonprofit organizations applying on behalf of eligible entities
- ▶ Single or multiple entities

Eligible applicants – multiple

Cooperative/collaborative projects (2 or more partners)

- ▶ Lead applicant must be accredited and member of TexShare or applying on behalf of eligible members
- ▶ All parties to contribute resources (time, staff, resources, etc.) that go above and beyond their usual operating activities.
- ▶ Financial support only does not constitute formal cooperation, but can be used as evidence of local support.
- ▶ Contractual/vendor relationships are not considered cooperative relationships.

FY 2016 changes

- ▶ First grants to be funded under the Supercircular
- ▶ Format change to be uniform and transparent
- ▶ DUNS number requirement
- ▶ SAM (System for Award Management) registration

FY 2016 changes (cont'd)

- ▶ Performance Assessment (risk assessment)
 - Conflict of interest
- ▶ Audit certification
- ▶ Indirect costs allowable
- ▶ Minimum score of 60.0 necessary in review to be eligible for funding

Eligible expenses

- ▶ Staff – salaries/wages, benefits
- ▶ Consultant fees (including fees, travel, accommodation, support services hired)
- ▶ Equipment/property*
- ▶ Supplies/materials (including computers)
- ▶ Professional services
- ▶ Travel for project staff
- ▶ Indirect costs

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. Other expenses as excluded in the guidelines



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 #1/103-132, 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 (sample)

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

Texas Reads Grant

Possible programs

- Book talks
- Author visits
- Día (El Día de los niños/El día de los libros)*
- 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
- 2015 applications
 - 9/12 funded; \$24,710 total
 - Range: \$850-\$3,000



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 2016
 - ❑ Business/Workforce Development; Digital Literacy
 - ❑ Family and Early Childhood Literacy
 - ❑ E-content Access and Delivery

Focus Area 1 (Impact)

Business/Workforce Development and 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

Focus Area 1 (Impact)

Business and Workforce Development / Digital Literacy

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

Focus Area 2 (Impact2)

Family & Early Childhood Literacy

- To help Texans build a strong foundation for early learning, success in school, and lifelong learning
- Use of best practices is encouraged
 - Día (El Día de los niños/El día de los libros (dia.ala.org))*
 - Born to Read — It's Never Too Early to Start! (www.ala.org/alsc/issuesadv/borntoread)*
 - Every Child Ready to Read (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
 - 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
 - Supplies/materials — computers, tablets, e-readers, and mobile devices
 - E-content — consortium/group given preference

Impact Grant — Focus Area 3

E-content Access and Delivery

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

Impact Grant

- Funding expected = \$300,000 total
- Maximum award = \$10,000
- Can apply for more than 1 focus area in single year
- No consecutive awards for same focus area or similar type of program
- 2015 applications
 - 21 / 27 funded; \$184,633 total
 - Range: \$3,040-\$10,000
 - Funded projects:
www.tsl.texas.gov/ld/funding/lsta/recipients15.html#impact



TexTreasures Grant

- Part of TexShare program; must be a 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 local, regional, or statewide significance
- 2 programs: Basic and Original

TexTreasures Grant

TexTreasures Basic

- Maximum award: \$7,500
- Small libraries (up to 25,000 pop.) with little or no experience
- Collections of local or regional significance
- Allowable expenses
 - Professional services — indexing, microfilming, cataloging, digitization, etc.
 - Supplies/materials

TexTreasures Grant

TexTreasures Original

- Maximum award
 - Single entity - \$25,000
 - Collaborative - \$35,000
- Collections with statewide significance
- Allowable expenses
 - Professional services — indexing, microfilming, cataloging, digitization, etc.
 - Equipment
 - Supplies/materials

TexTreasures Grant

Eligible expenses

- Staff or contract personnel/services
- Professional services — indexing, microfilming, cataloging, digitization, etc.
- Software
- Equipment
- Supplies/materials
- No content creation
- One program; cannot apply for both

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

Note: 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 = Basic: \$7,500; Original: \$25,000 single; \$35,000 for collaborative projects
- ❑ Second and third-year funding is possible
- ❑ 2015 applications
 - ❑ 13/22 funded; total \$231,008
 - ❑ Range: \$1,275-\$25,000
 - ❑ Funded projects:
www.tsl.texas.gov/ld/funding/lsta/recipients15.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 #1961/8-
292, Texas State Library
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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

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Possible projects

- ❑ Shared automation systems
- ❑ Mobile technology
- ❑ Computer training for seniors
- ❑ Workforce-oriented training
- ❑ STEM programs
- ❑ Resource sharing

Library Cooperation Grant

- ❑ Funding expected = \$600,000 total
- ❑ Maximum award = \$75,000
- ❑ Second and third-year funding is possible
- ❑ 2015 applications
 - ❑ 9/11 funded; \$550,590 total
 - ❑ Range: \$38,565-\$75,000
 - ❑ Funded projects:
www.tsl.texas.gov/ld/funding/lsta/recipients15.html#librarycoop



Galveston in Texas [by Eigenthum d. Verleger], ca. 1850. German lithograph, [published by Aus. d. Kunstanst. d. Bibl. Inst. in Hildbh.]. *Prints & Photographs #1911/4-3, 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

- ❑ Mobile technology
- ❑ Computer/technology classes
- ❑ Workforce 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
- ❑ 2015 applications
 - ❑ 16/21 funded; \$617,101
 - ❑ Range: \$4,663-\$75,000
 - ❑ Funded projects:
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Next steps

- ▶ Download Notices of Funding Opportunity (grant guidelines)
- ▶ Determine who will be writing the proposal and who will need access to GMS
- ▶ Register in GMS (if new to TSLAC grants)
- ▶ Find out who is authorized to sign contracts in your organization

Next steps (cont'd)

- ▶ Check DUNS and SAM registration (FREE)
 - DUNS — fedgov.dnb.com/webform or 866-705-5711
 - SAM — www.sam.gov
- ▶ Start preparing draft proposal
- ▶ Access GMS application once available (Feb. 1, 2015)







Grant Resources

- ▣ Resources for Current Grantees
 - ▣ FY 2015 Forms & Tools – www.tsl.texas.gov/agency/forms/grantformsFY2015.html
 - ▣ Reference – www.tsl.texas.gov/ld/funding/OnlineGrantHandbook/index.html



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