



**TEXAS STATE LIBRARY  
AND  
ARCHIVES COMMISSION**

**FY 2017  
TSLAC Competitive Grant  
Opportunities**

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**What we'll cover**

- TSLAC funding overview
- Competitive grant programs
- New Process
- Next steps
- Grant resources




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**FUNDING OVERVIEW**




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### Funding overview

- Offered annually subject to the availability of funds;
- FY 2017 - \$1.8 million
- Federal funds
  - Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS)
  - Grants to States program (CFDA #: 45.310)
  - Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA)



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### Funding overview

- Public and academic libraries eligible
- State fiscal year
  - (September 1-August 31)
- Program related
  - No operations
  - No equipment
  - No collection development
- No match or cost sharing required



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### Library Services & Technology Act

- Funds TSLAC services through IMLS
- 5-year plan (2013-2017)  
[www.tsl.texas.gov/ld/pubs/lstaplan/5yearplan.html](http://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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### 2017 Timeline

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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
  - School districts are excluded
- Single or multiple entities (collaborative projects)



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### 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.
- Contractual/vendor relationships are not considered cooperative relationships.



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### FY 2017 changes

- Texas Reads maximum award increased
- Budget categories match IMLS reporting structure
- Reporting requirements will change to meet IMLS reporting structure
- New GMS coming online mid-February
- New processes



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### Eligible expenses

- Personnel – 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



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### Ineligible expenses

1. Building construction, renovation, or repair
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



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### Ineligible expenses

- 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)



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### 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



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**COMPETITIVE  
GRANT PROGRAMS**



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**Grant programs**

- Texas Reads Grant
- Impact Grant
- TexTreasures Grant
- Library Cooperation Grant
- Special Projects Grant



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State Library exhibit, "Traveling Library from the Texas State Library," Texas State Exposition, Austin, October 6-11, 1924. Prints & Photographs Collection, #0001/109-140, Texas State Library and Archives Commission.

**Texas Reads Grant**



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### 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




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### 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




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### 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




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### Texas Reads Grant

- Funding expected = Up to \$50,000 total
- Maximum award = \$5,000
- No consecutive awards for the same or similar program
- 2016 applications
  - 11/14 funded; \$29,349 total
  - Range: \$1,432-\$3,000 (6)




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Street scene in Desdemona, TX, during oil boom, ca. 1919.  
 Photo by John D. Waring, Jr.  
 Prints & Photographs Collection,  
 #1966/160-1, Texas State  
 Library and Archives  
 Commission.

### Impact Grant




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### 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 2017
  - Business/Workforce Development; Digital Literacy
  - Family and Early Childhood Literacy
  - E-content Access and Delivery




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### Focus Area 1 (Impact 1)

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




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### Focus Area 1 (Impact 1)

Business and Workforce Development / Digital Literacy

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




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### 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](http://dia.ala.org))
  - Born to Read — It's Never Too Early to Start!* ([www.ala.org/alsc/issuesadv/borntoread](http://www.ala.org/alsc/issuesadv/borntoread))
  - Every Child Ready to Read* ([www.everychildreadytoread.org/](http://www.everychildreadytoread.org/))
  - Other model library programs




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**Focus Area 2 (Impact2)**

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



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**Focus Area 3 (Impact 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



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**Focus Area 3 (Impact 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



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### Impact Grant

- Funding expected = \$250,000 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
- 2016 applications
  - 33/34 funded; \$247,784 total
  - Range: \$1,538-\$10,000 (9)




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German Saengerfest, arch and streetcars on Congress Avenue looking towards Capitol Building, Austin, 1889, Mabel H. Brooks Photograph Collection, #1932/005-80, Texas State Library and Archives Commission.

### TexTreasures Grant




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### 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




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### 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




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### 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




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### 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




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### 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 or piecemeal projects.




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### 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?




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### TexTreasures Grant

- Funding expected = \$300,000
- Maximum award =
  - Basic: \$7,500
  - Original: \$25,000; \$35,000 (collaborative)
- Second and third-year funding is possible
- 2016 applications
  - 6/12 funded; total \$167,282
  - Range: \$22,675-\$35,000 (2)




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Lockheed Test Pilots at Modification Center, Dallas, 1944. L-r: L.P. "Cotton" Jeter; Charlee Madson; Ben Bransom, chief pilot in charge of flight operations; Jim Gray; and Royce Stetson. Prints & Photographs Collection, #1/183-2, Texas State Library and Archives Commission.

**Library Cooperation Grants**



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**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



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**Library Cooperation Grant**

- 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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### Library Cooperation Grant

Possible projects

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



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### Library Cooperation Grant

- Funding expected = \$600,000 total
- Maximum award = \$75,000
- Second and third-year funding is possible
- 2016 applications
  - 9/12 funded; \$479,434 total
  - Range: \$8,800-\$75,000 (3)



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Hispanic wedding party posing, standing before rubble masonry wall. Big Bend Region. ca 1919. J.R. Hunnicutt Collection, #1968/29-221, Texas State Library and Archives Commission.

**Special Projects Grants**



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**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



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**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



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### Special Projects Grant

- Funding expected = \$600,000 total
- Maximum award = \$75,000
- Second and third-year funding is possible
- 2016 applications
  - 12/22 funded; \$620,289
  - Range: \$6,920-\$75,000 (4)



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### Past awards

- 2016  
[www.tsl.texas.gov/ld/funding/lsta/recipients16.html](http://www.tsl.texas.gov/ld/funding/lsta/recipients16.html)
- 2010-2015  
[www.tsl.texas.gov/ld/funding/index.html#past](http://www.tsl.texas.gov/ld/funding/index.html#past)



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**NEW PROCESSES**



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**New GMS**

- Online February 2016
- Will accept file uploads
- Will reduce the number of required forms
- Will capture reports, forms for all grant programs
- February webinar (2/18) will walk through application submission, notifications, etc.



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**New GMS**

- TSLAC will contact libraries regarding the new grant management system (GMS)
- Directors will be responsible for inputting individuals to manage grant programs
  - Program managers
  - Financial manager
  - Other staff as needed



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**NEXT STEPS**




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**Next steps**

- Determine what grant programs may be applicable to your library
- Download relevant notices of funding opportunity (grant guidelines)
  - [www.tsl.texas.gov/ld/funding/index.html](http://www.tsl.texas.gov/ld/funding/index.html)
- Register for February webinar (2/18)
  - *Applying for TSLAC Competitive Grants: What You Need to Know for FY 2017*




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**Next steps (cont'd)**

- Determine who will be writing the proposal(s)
- Start preparing draft proposal using draft templates
- Request draft review by 2/17
- Watch for TSLAC e-mail regarding actions for new GMS (directors)
- Request direct e-mail regarding the GMS  
e-mail: [ld@tsl.texas.gov](mailto:ld@tsl.texas.gov)



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**Next steps (cont'd)**

- Determine who will need access to GMS
- Find out who is authorized to sign contracts in your organization
- Double-check DUNS number and SAM registration (FREE)
  - City/county business/finance office
  - System for Award Management (SAM) — [www.sam.gov](http://www.sam.gov)



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**Next steps (cont'd)**

- Attend February webinar
- Access GMS application once available (mid-February 2016)
- Submit application and related files in GMS by 3/11



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**GRANT RESOURCES**



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**Grant Resources**

- TSLAC Notices of Funding Opportunity (Grant Guidelines)  
[www.tsl.texas.gov/ld/funding/index.html](http://www.tsl.texas.gov/ld/funding/index.html)
- TSLAC Library Science Collection  
[www.tsl.texas.gov/ld/lsc](http://www.tsl.texas.gov/ld/lsc)
- Previous TSLAC grantees  
[www.tsl.texas.gov/ld/funding/lsta/recipients16.html](http://www.tsl.texas.gov/ld/funding/lsta/recipients16.html)



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**Grant Resources**

- Funding Information Center (Texas Dept. of State Health Services)  
[www.dshs.state.tx.us/fic/default.shtm](http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/fic/default.shtm)
- The Foundation Center – Funding Information Network  
[foundationcenter.org/fin/](http://foundationcenter.org/fin/)
- The Grantsmanship Center  
[www.tgci.com/resources](http://www.tgci.com/resources)



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### Grant Resources

Webinars

*Applying for TSLAC Competitive Grants: What You Need to Know*

Thursday, February 18, 2016, 2-3:30 p.m.

To register:

[www.tsl.texas.gov/ld/workshops/webinars/index.html](http://www.tsl.texas.gov/ld/workshops/webinars/index.html)

*FY 2017 TSLAC Competitive Grant Opportunities (1/14/16)*

[www.tsl.texas.gov/ld/workshops/webinars/archived.html](http://www.tsl.texas.gov/ld/workshops/webinars/archived.html)



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### Grant Resources

Resources for Current Grantees

FY 2016 Forms & Tools -

[www.tsl.texas.gov/agency/forms/grantformsFY2016.html](http://www.tsl.texas.gov/agency/forms/grantformsFY2016.html)

Reference - [www.tsl.texas.gov/ld/funding/](http://www.tsl.texas.gov/ld/funding/OnlineGrantHandbook/index.html)

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## Contact Information

[www.tsl.texas.gov](http://www.tsl.texas.gov)  
| For Libraries & Educators  
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