TSLAC COMPETITIVE GRANTS
FY 2021 FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

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WHAT WE'LL COVER
TSLAC program overview
Competitive grant programs
Grant expectations
Next steps
Grant resources

PROGRAM OVERVIEW
TSLAC 5-YEAR PLAN

- Guides TSLAC activities for libraries
- Texas needs
  - Digital Inclusion
  - Literacy and Educational Attainment
  - Workforce and Economic Development
- Submitted to Institute of Museums and Library Services (FFY 2018-2022)
  www.tsl.texas.gov/id/pubs/lstaplan/5yearplan.html

TSLAC GOALS

- Texans will have access to shared library resources to meet their educational and informational needs.
- Texans and Texas communities will have access to Internet connected resources and services through Texas libraries to meet community and personal goals and the support needed to use the resources and services successfully.
- Texans will have access to library services that support literacy and educational attainment, especially early childhood and family literacy, digital literacy, and lifelong learning.
- Texans will enhance their workforce readiness, including business and entrepreneurial endeavors, through use of materials and services at their libraries.
- Texans will receive library services that effectively respond to community needs.

FUNDING OVERVIEW

- Funding sources
  - Federal funds
    - Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA)
    - Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS)
    - Grants to States Program (CFDA #: 45.310)
  - State funds (State receipts or appropriations)
- Offered annually subject to the availability of funds
FUNDING OVERVIEW

- State fiscal year (September 1, 202x-August 31, 202x+1)
- Program-based
  - No operations
  - No equipment*
  - No collection development*
- No match or cost-sharing required

*Grant-program specific

PROGRAM GUIDANCE

- State
  - Texas Uniform Grants Management Standards (UGMS) ([link](www.comptroller.texas.gov/purchasing/docs/ugms.pdf))
  - Texas Administrative Code (13 TAC §2.110-2.119)
- Federal
  - Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (2 CFR §200 and §3187 (Supercircular)) ([federalregister.gov/a/2013-30465](federalregister.gov/a/2013-30465))

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

- Varies by program
- Accredited Texas public libraries (through governing authority)
- Accredited Texas academic libraries
- Nonprofit organizations applying on behalf of eligible Texas entities
- School districts are excluded but can be a partner.

- Single or multiple entities (collaborative projects)
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, etc.) that go above and beyond their usual operating activities.
• Contractual/vendor relationships are not considered cooperative relationships.

SYSTEM FOR AWARD MANAGEMENT (SAM.GOV)
• Federal requirement for payment
• Must be active at time of submission, award, and throughout grant period
• Requires D-U-N-S® Number
• Renewed annually
• FREE (www.sam.gov)
• Contact your financial office to verify
COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAMS

Texas Reads
Tex Treasures
Special Projects
Regional ILS Cooperative
Family Place
Library Grantsmanship Academy
Library Services for Border Cities (new)

TEXAS READS GRANT
To promote reading and literacy in local communities, specifically through public libraries
TEXAS READS GRANT

Programs targeted to the entire community or a segment of the community

- Reading promotion
- Basic and family literacy
- English proficiency

Sample expenses

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

Possible programs

- Book talks or clubs (for multiple age groups)*
- Author visits*
- Día (El Día de los niños/El día de los libros)
- Born to Read or Every Child Ready to Read
- One book, one community
- English literacy classes (ESL)
- Summer reading
Funding expected = Up to $100,000 total
Maximum award = $10,000
No consecutive awards for the same or similar program; limited to 2 awards
2020 applications
14/15 funded; $106,726 total
Range: $1,950-$10,000

To make special or unique collections more accessible to library users and researchers across Texas and beyond

Public and academic libraries
2 programs: Basic and Original
Possible activities: organizing, cataloging, indexing, or digitizing local materials with local, regional, or statewide significance
TexTreasures Basic
- Maximum award: $7,500
- Small libraries (up to 25,000 pop.) with little or no experience
- Collections of local or regional significance
- Sample expenses
  - Professional services — indexing, microfilming, cataloging, digitization, etc.
  - Supplies/materials

TexTreasures Original
- Maximum award
  - Single entity — $25,000
  - Multiple entities (collaborative) — $35,000
- Collections with statewide significance
- Sample expenses
  - Professional services — indexing, microfilming, cataloging, digitization, etc.
  - Staffing
  - Equipment
  - Supplies/materials

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

Funding expected = $300,000
Maximum award
- Basic: $7,500
- Original: $25,000; $35,000 (collaborative)
Programs scored/ranked separately
Second and third-year funding is possible
2020 applications
- 12/18 funded; total $307,510
- Range: Original $13,236-$35,000
SPECIAL PROJECTS GRANT

Special Needs

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

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

Funding expected = $750,000 total

- New projects (first-year funding)

Special Projects 25 (single year)

- Maximum award = $25,000

Special Projects 75 (multi-year)

- Maximum award = $75,000
- Second and third-year funding is possible for SP 75 grants
REGIONAL ILS COOPERATIVE GRANT

To provide electronic and other linkages between and among all types of libraries, specifically to support the establishment of shared integrated library systems (ILS) between multiple library jurisdictions.

- Funding expected = $150,000 total
- Maximum award = $75,000
- New projects accepted
- Second and third-year funding is possible

PAST AWARDS

FY 2010-2019

www.tsl.texas.gov/ld/funding/index.html#past
FAMILY PLACE LIBRARIES PROJECT

- New or expansion award
- $6,000 set-up materials/supplies
- Training tuition
- Deadline: 12/13/2019

Family Place Resources
https://www.tsl.texas.gov/ldn/familyplace

WHICH PROGRAM?
- Deciding factors
  - Grant program goals and needs
  - Local needs and desired impact
  - Audience and partners
  - Scope
  - Budget
  - Capacity

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NEW PROGRAMS

- Library Grantsmanship Academy
- Library Services for Border Cities

LIBRARY GRANTSMANSHIP ACADEMY

To educate and prepare local library staff to write and manage grant proposals to win funding to support local library programming.

*Requires a two-year commitment.
LIBRARY GRANTS MANSHIP ACADEMY

- Training and travel expenses to training for 2 staff members per library covered by TSLAC (stipend)
- Participating libraries eligible for a grant up to $25,000 each for proposal implementation in SFY 2022

Eligibility
- Libraries serving populations of 25,000 or less
- Libraries with no federal or state grant history in last 5 years or with staff with no grant experience
- 8 awards expected

Multiple phases
1. Grantsmanship training (SFY 2021)
2. Proposal development and submission to TSLAC (SFY 2021)
3. Proposal implementation (SFY 2022)
LIBRARY GRANTSMANSHIP ACADEMY

- Competitive application process
  - Needs assessment (community)
  - Programming (management)
  - Sustainability (support)
  - Personnel

LIBRARY GRANTSMANSHIP ACADEMY

- Commitment to 5-7 days of training in Austin (expenses paid by TSLAC)
- Submission of viable grant proposal for FY 2021
- Implementation of proposed program

LIBRARY GRANTSMANSHIP ACADEMY

- Spring 2020
  - Applications to participate due
  - Grantsmanship training and draft proposal development
- Fall 2020
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  - Final proposal submission to TSLAC
- Fall 2021
  - Proposal implementation (SFY 2022)
LIBRARY SERVICES FOR BORDER CITIES

- WEBINAR — Applying for FY 2021 Library Services for Border Cities Grant (archived 2019.11.06)
- NOFO released October 2019; available at https://www.tsl.texas.gov/landing/libfunds.html
- Applications due January 15, 2020

LIBRARY SERVICES FOR BORDER CITIES

To fund the expansion of municipal libraries or library services serving communities in or near (within 4 miles of) the south Texas communities of:
- Edcouch
- La Feria
- Peñitas
- La Joya
- Harlingen
- Sullivan City

*Not for library programming. Preference for cooperative projects and projects serving areas currently not served by a library.
ELIGIBLE EXPENSES

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

INELIGIBLE EXPENSES

1. Building construction, renovation, or repair, including fixtures and services
2. Food, beverages, or food delivery equipment or services
3. Awards, honoraria, prizes, or gifts (incentives/promotional items)
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
7. Collection development purchases not targeted directly to the grant goals nor integral to the service program
INELIGIBLE EXPENSES

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

GRANT EXPECTATIONS
REQUIREMENTS

Training

• Activities
• Spending

Program/project implementation

• Performance
• Financial

Compliance (i.e., timely reporting)

Document retention (12/31/2026)

Grant management system (GMS)

https://grants.tsl.texas.gov

Directors/administrative contacts are responsible for submitting names to TSLAC for GMS accounts

Will accept file uploads

Will capture reports/forms for all grant programs

Applicants and contractors are required to have an active federal System for Award Management (SAM) registration throughout grant period

IMLS budget and reporting structures

IMLS surveys and outcomes
NEXT STEPS

FY 2021 TIMELINE

- Guidelines released: Nov. 2019
- Family Place due: Jan. 2020
- Application Due: Mar.–May 2020
- Projects begin: 1 Sep. 2020
- Projects end: 31 Aug. 2021

- Border Cities application due: Feb. 29, 2020
- Draft proposals due: 30 Mar. – 31 May 2020
- Applications reviewed: June 2020
- Recommendations released: Aug. 2020
- Grants approved; contracts issued: 1 Sep. 2020

NEXT STEPS

- Download and READ relevant notices of funding opportunity (grant guidelines)
  * Available by November 27, 2019
  - TAC website: www.tlt.texas.gov/44/funding/index.html
  - GMS: (https://grants.tlt.texas.gov)

- Determine what grant programs may be applicable to your library
- Review webinars
NEXT STEPS

Double-check DUNS number and SAM registration (FREE)

City/county business/finance office

System for Award Management (SAM)
— www.sam.gov

Find out who is authorized to sign contracts in your organization

NEXT STEPS

Determine who will be writing the proposal(s)

Determine who will need access to GMS

Start preparing draft proposal using template

Request draft review by February 13 — not required

Submit application and related files in GMS by 11:59 p.m. on February 29, 2020

GRANT RESOURCES
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Webinars (archived)
- Applying for TSLAC Competitive Grants: What You Need to Know for FY 2021 (10/30/19)
- Library Services for Border Cities (11/6/19)
- 2021 Funding Opportunities — TSLAC Competitive Grants (11/13/19)


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GRANT RESOURCES

- TSLAC Notices of Funding Opportunity (Grant Guidelines)
  www.tsl.texas.gov/ld/funding/index.html
- Previous TSLAC grantees
  www.tsl.texas.gov/ld/funding/index.html#past
- TSLAC Library Science Collection
  www.tsl.texas.gov/ld/lsc

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GRANT RESOURCES

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