



## Press Release

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# TSLAC accepting applications for \$725,000 in competitive grants for 2010

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**AUSTIN, Texas** - The Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC) is now accepting applications for Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grants estimated at \$715,000 and the Texas Reads Grants estimated at \$10,000 for the fiscal year 2010.

TSLAC offers five separate grant opportunities. Cooperation Grants, Special Project Grants, Library System Grants and TexTreasures Grants are LSTA funded. The Texas Reads Grants is funded from the proceeds of Texas specialty license plates. The application deadline is February 27, 2009. The awards will be announced in August of 2009.

“We are pleased to offer these opportunities to expand and enhance library services for the people of Texas,” said Peggy D. Rudd, Texas State Library and Archives Commission director and librarian.

Detailed grant information, application forms and past grant recipients can be found at <http://www.tsl.state.tx.us/ld/funding/lsta/>; Texas Reads information may be accessed at <http://www.tsl.state.tx.us/ld/funding/index.html#txReads>; and TexTreasures information can be found at <http://www.texshare.edu/programs/texttreasures/>.

- **Cooperation Grants** provide funds for programs that promote cooperative services for learning and access to information. Programs must emphasize improved services by the library to its customers. An estimated \$220,000 is available with a maximum individual award of \$75,000.
- **Special Project Grants** provide funds for programs to expand library services to all members of a library’s community, especially populations with special needs. An estimated \$220,000 will be available with a maximum individual award of \$75,000.
- **Library System Grants** provide funds to assist the 10 regional library systems to plan and develop programs for libraries in their region to collaborate and cooperate. An estimated \$175,000 will be available with a maximum individual award of \$60,000.

*The contact for Cooperation, Special Grants and Library Systems Grants is Stacey Malek, Library Development Program Coordinator. She may be reached at (512) 463-5532 or (800) 252-9386 or via email at [stacey.malek@tsl.state.tx.us](mailto:stacey.malek@tsl.state.tx.us).*

- **TexTreasures Grants** provide funds to help libraries make their special collections more accessible for the people of Texas and beyond. This includes digitization, microfilming and cataloging. An estimated \$100,000 will be available with a maximum individual award of \$20,000 for a single institution and \$25,000 for a collaborative project.

*The contact for the TexTreasures Grants is Ann Mason, TexShare Coordinator. She may be reached at (512) 463-0188 or via email at [texshare@tsl.state.tx.us](mailto:texshare@tsl.state.tx.us).*

- **Texas Reads Grants** provide funds for public library programs to promote reading and literacy in local communities. Proceeds from the sale of the Texas Reads specialty license plates through the [Texas Department of Transportation](#) fund this grant program. An estimated \$10,000 will be available with a maximum individual award of \$3,000.

*The contact for Texas Reads is Wendy Clark, State Grants Coordinator. She may be reached at (512) 463-5475 or (800) 252-9386 or via email at [wendy.clark@tsl.state.tx.us](mailto:wendy.clark@tsl.state.tx.us).*

“The Texas Reads license plate is a great way for people to show their support of libraries and reading programs in Texas,” said Rudd. “By purchasing the plate, drivers are making a bold statement about how important our library reading programs are in our communities.”

These grants are administered by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission and funded by the federal Library Services and Technology Act through the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

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#### **ABOUT THE TEXAS STATE LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES COMMISSION**

*TSLAC helps Texans find the information they seek. The people of Texas utilize TSLAC services and programs to effectively use information and materials that improve their lives, the lives of their families, and their communities. Since 1909, TSLAC has carried out a commitment of making information work for all Texans by providing history and genealogical services, federal and state government documents, electronic research, and library services to Texans of all ages who are unable to read standard print material due to visual, physical, or reading disabilities. For more information, go to <http://www.tsl.state.tx.us> or email [pio@tsl.state.tx.us](mailto:pio@tsl.state.tx.us).*