
Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) National Library Legislative Day May, 2013

ALA's Position: The American Library Association asks Congress for funding of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) at the FY 2012 level of \$184.7 million for FY 2014.

On March 1, 2013, a set of deep, across-the-board, cuts called "sequestration," went into effect for all federal discretionary programs. As a result, all federal programs, including the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA), were cut by 5.23 percent for FY 2013 and LSTA was funded at \$175 million. This FY 2013 level is \$38.5 million below what LSTA was funded at just a few short years ago in FY 2010. Unfortunately, the near future for LSTA funding does not look bright.

In April, President Obama sent his FY 2014 budget request to Congress outlining his priorities for the upcoming fiscal year. The President's budget requested \$177 million for LSTA, a \$2 million increase over the FY 2013 enacted amount. However, the President's level is still well short of the pre-sequestration levels.

The 2013 fiscal year ends on September 30, 2013. Since this year's appropriations process got off to a late start, there will most likely be another partial continuing resolution in FY 2014.

Background:

LSTA is the primary source of annual funding for libraries in the federal budget. The bulk of this program is a population-based grant funded to each state through the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). Each state determines how they will allocate their LSTA funds, often relying upon this money to provide job searching databases, resume workshops, summer reading activities, and so much more. In addition, LSTA also supports:

- **Native American and Native Hawaiian Library Services** to support improved access to library services for Native Americans, Alaska Native Villages, and Native Hawaiians;
- **National Leadership Grants** to support activities of national significance that enhances the quality of library services nationwide and provide coordination between libraries and museums; and,
- **Laura Bush 21st Century Librarians** which is used to help develop and promote the next generation of librarians.

| FEDERAL FUNDING FOR LIBRARY PROGRAMS: FY2014 | | | 4/16/13 |
|---|----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Agencies and Programs by Appropriations Bill | FY2013 CR | FY2013 Final | FY2014 President |
| Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education | | | |
| Institute of Museum and Library Services | 231,954 | 219,821 | 225,813 |
| Library Services and Technology Act | 184,704 | 175,044 | 177,069 |
| Grants to State Library Agencies | 156,365 | 150,000 | 150,000 |
| Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian | 12,524 | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| National Leadership Libraries | 11,945 | 11,377 | 13,200 |
| Native American Library Services | 3,869 | 3,667 | 3,869 |
| Head Start | 8,017,310 | | 9,621,070 |
| Striving Readers | 159,698 | | 0 |
| Improving Literacy Through School Libraries | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Effective Teaching and Learning: Literacy | 0 | 0 | 186,900 |
| Innovative Approaches to Literacy | 29,177 | | 0 |
| Grants to Local Educational Agencies | 14,516,457 | 13,790,634 | 14,516,457 |
| Career and Technical Education State Grants | 1,123,030 | 1,066,879 | 1,123,030 |
| 21st Century Community Learning Centers | 1,151,673 | 1,094,090 | 1,251,673 |
| Adult Education and Literacy State Grants | 594,993 | 565,244 | 594,993 |
| Adult Education National Leadership | 11,302 | | 14,302 |
| Educational Assessment | 138,306 | | 132,306 |
| Educational Research | 189,787 | | 202,273 |
| Educational Statistics | 108,748 | | 122,748 |
| Legislative Branch | | | |
| Library of Congress | 590,939 | | 608,719 |
| National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped | 50,984 | | 51,927 |
| Government Printing Office | 126,972 | | 128,478 |
| Congressional Printing and Binding | 91,255 | | 79,736 |
| Superintendent of Documents | 35,214 | | 35,823 |
| GPO Revolving Fund | 503 | | 12,919 |
| Financial Services and General Government | | | |
| Electronic Government Fund | 12,476 | | 20,150 |
| Federal Citizen Services Fund | 34,309 | | 34,804 |
| National Archives and Records Administration | 393,897 | | 385,836 |
| NHPRC Program Grants | 5,031 | | 3,000 |
| Interior and Environment | | | |
| National Endowment for the Arts | 146,915 | | 154,466 |
| National Endowment for the Humanities | 146,915 | | 154,465 |
| Agriculture and Rural Development | | | |
| Community Facilities Program Grants | 24,000 | | 17,000 |
| Broadband Program Grants | 10,000 | | 10,000 |
| Distance Learning and Telemedicine Program Grants | 21,000 | | 25,000 |