



LIBRARIES GRANT OVERVIEW

The purpose of this program is to improve student reading skills and academic achievement by providing students with increased access to up-to-date school library materials; well-equipped, technologically advanced school library media centers; and well-trained, professionally certified school library media specialists.

CFDA Number: 84.364, Discretionary/Competitive Grants

Website: <http://www.ed.gov/programs/lsl/index.html>

HOW MUCH FUNDING IS AVAILABLE?

- The application window is from January 22, 2008 to March 7, 2008.
- The average award size is \$250,000. For large districts applying for multiple schools, we can request up to \$500,000.
- There is no match requirement for the ILSL grant.
- Up to 100 grants per year are awarded, making this a highly competitive national grant.

WHAT WILL ILSL FUND?

- Improving content in school libraries, like new books, manipulatives, web-based content, games, DVDs, and educational videos
- Professional development for some teachers and librarians
- Increasing access to school libraries by extending hours and opening the library to family and community members
- Library technology, including computerized card catalogues, computers, scanners, printers, other peripherals, and most importantly...
- Video equipment for virtual fieldtrips, author chats, multi-site learning activities across the curriculum, and professional development

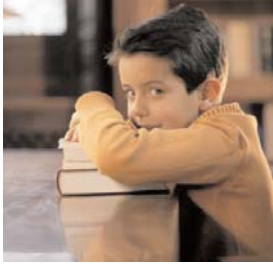
WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- Local educational agencies (LEAs) in which at least 20 percent of the students served by the LEA are from families with incomes below the poverty line.
- The Department of Education publishes a list of eligible districts each year.

CHARACTERISTICS OF SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS:

- Priority is given to projects that demonstrate in their grant application that the proposed literacy project services are comprehensive and aligned with a school or district improvement plan.
- The community and parents are involved in improving literacy.
- Collections are worn, unbalanced, and greater than 10 years old. Comparisons are made to Blue Ribbon or state standards.
- Libraries have little to no technology, like computers, computerized card catalogues, printers, scanners, SMARTboards, etc.
- Programs focus on elementary education.

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**ADDITIONAL SOURCES OF LIBRARY FUNDING:**

- E-Rate
 - <http://www.usac.org/sl/>
- Grants to State Library Administrative Agencies:
 - <http://www.ims.gov/programs/programs.shtm>
- Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program
 - <http://www.ims.gov/applicants/grants/21centuryLibrarian.shtm>
- National Endowment for the Humanities Challenge Grants
 - <http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/challenge.html>
- RUS Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant
 - <http://www.usda.gov/rus/telecom/dlt/dlt.htm>

HOW CAN CBE TECHNOLOGIES HELP?

- We work with a team of grant writers and often pay the upfront writing fee.
- We will work with school and district grant teams providing guidance and an extra set of "eyes."
- We will provide budgeting and expenditure guidance.
- We will keep you up to date on new grant opportunities.

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