

LSTA

Library Services Technology Act

Open Grant Program

Grant Amount:
\$30,000*

Time Range:
1 or 2 years

Eligibility:
Any

Staff Contact:
1 800-952-7403

Summary:
Develop a project that does not fit into current grant offerings.



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Open Program is a general grant opportunity to foster improved library services for specified target audiences. Libraries may apply under the Open category when other MBLC grant offerings are not a good match.

The Open Program allows applicants to apply new methods to solve problems, build programs, and best carry out their library's mission and plan. It encourages creative program development and rewards those librarians willing to engage in a higher level of effort and to take those risks. The federal LSTA program encourages such innovation and risk-taking.

Applicants may also use the Open Program to develop a grant proposal based on "great grants from the past" — grants such as "Reader's Advisory", "Community Languages", or "Mother Goose on the Loose" — grants that aren't specifically offered in the current round that libraries would like to pursue.

The project should contain a strong program component, where a well-defined target population will be directly served.

Applicants must speak with an MBLC consultant about their project ideas for feedback and guidance prior to submitting an application.

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*Automated networks and consortia who are interested in applying may be eligible for a greater amount of funding. Applications seeking library automation systems will not be accepted.