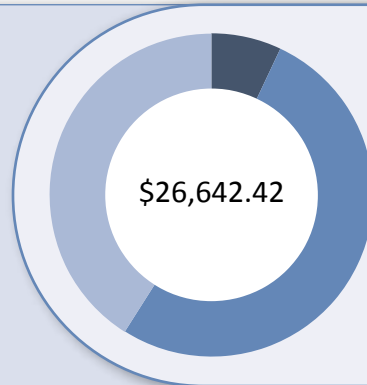
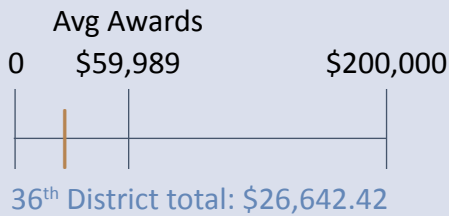


# Services to Libraries: 36<sup>th</sup> Legislative District

The Washington State Library (WSL) is the only agency in Washington that is specifically designated by law to assist libraries and to ensure that residents of the entire state have access to library and information services. WSL achieves these goals using federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funds, offering projects to improve libraries, consulting services, grants, subsidies and training to libraries.

Examples of services include support for digital literacy programming, Microsoft Office training and industry-recognized certification, early literacy programming, professional grants, specialized training for library administration, circulating STEM kits, group cost-sharing for online databases, and 24/7 online reference support for college students and Washington residents.

## Awards & Subsidies



- Library grants
- Databases
- Digital services

## Training Opportunities

**16**  
individuals trained

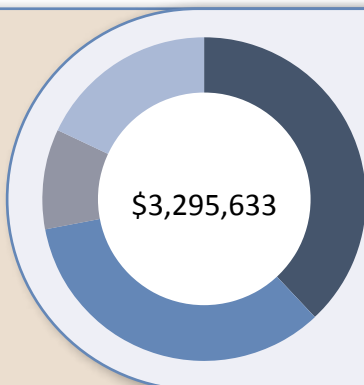
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## Total Federal Funding



- Statewide Projects
- Awards & Subsidies
- Washington Talking Book & Braille Library (WTBBL)
- Prison & Hospital Libraries



Approximately \$1.37 of federal LSTA funding is received to support libraries for each dollar of state funding.

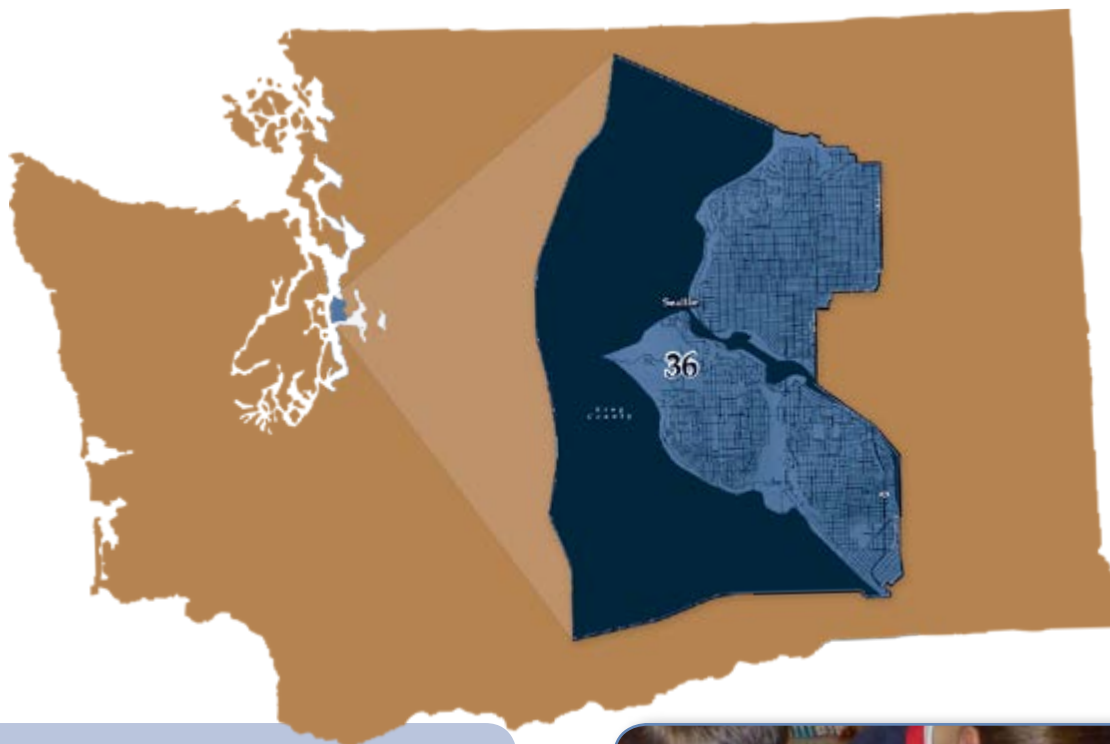
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# Impact of LSTA Library Funding: 36<sup>th</sup> District



Using federal dollars, the State Library coordinates a worldwide online reference cooperative that allows libraries to “remain open” 24/7. The students at the University of Washington are highly appreciative of this service, which provides live help for those middle of the night questions. Here are a few comments:

- “This was seamless. The librarian was wonderful—creative in the search, diligent, communicative. Thank you so much for providing this very helpful service—I’m an online certificate student so it’s extra helpful since I can’t get physically to campus.”
- “This service is wonderful! I’ll be using it a lot in the future. Thanks for providing this resource for us!”
- “Very useful. I always like asking a librarian as they find the answer so much faster and more effective than I can!”



“WSL provides essential services to underserved populations such as persons with mental illness, persons with visual disabilities, and prisoners.”

“WSL offers unduplicated services in library education and coordination of purchases and services. Their bargaining with database vendors alone probably saves more money statewide than they cost.”