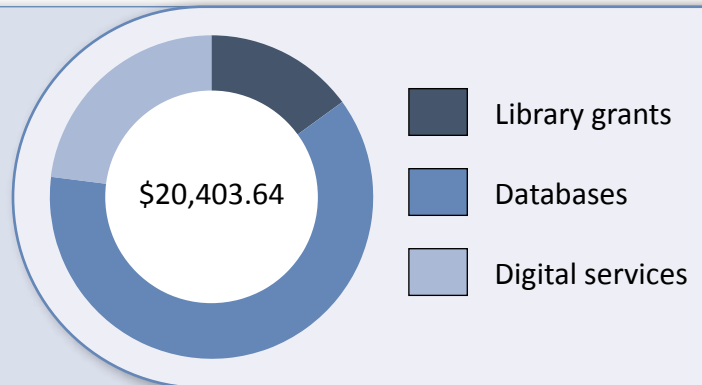
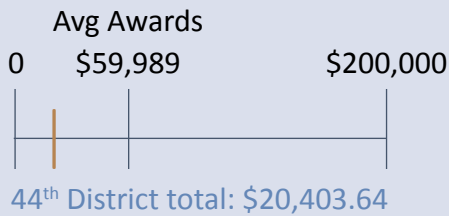


# Services to Libraries: 44<sup>th</sup> Legislative District

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



## Training Opportunities

**37**  
individuals trained

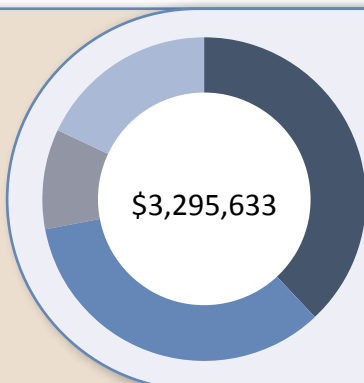
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## Total Federal Funding



- 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.

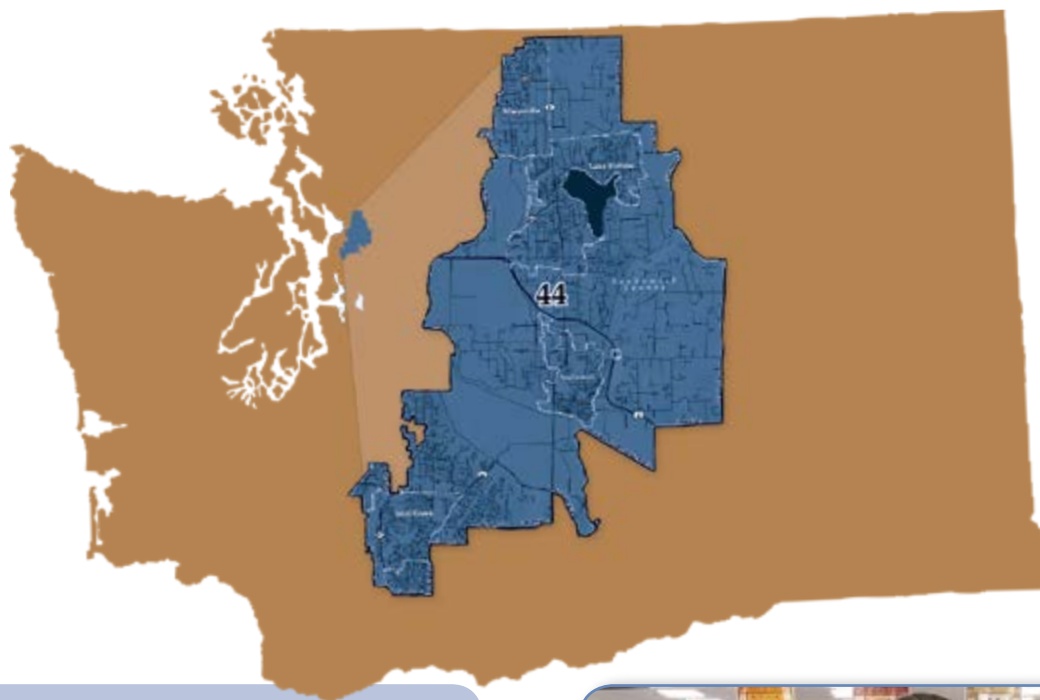
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# Impact of LSTA Library Funding: 44<sup>th</sup> District



Thirteen schools in this district received \$1,000 each to buy books for their libraries as part of the Refreshing School Libraries grant cycle. Here are quotes from a few happy librarians:

- “I wish I could have recorded the conversations I heard when students were surprised to find data support for their ‘boring text book’ in the colorful, and easy-to-read materials purchased with the grant funds. I had trouble answering the query, ‘Why can’t our text book be this interesting?’”
- “Every single student in attendance chose at least one book to check out!”
- “The books enable our English language learners to participate in our All School Reading Challenge.”
- “It’s been especially nice to have some very current titles for genetic engineering. Students in our STEM program have appreciated having some non-research oriented nonfiction literature written by engineers.”



“Many visually impaired and blind individuals rely on WTBBL for literacy and to stay informed, not to mention the pleasures of ‘reading.’”

“The library system in a prison setting is wonderful for giving offenders positive, educational, inspiring activity through reading. It also helps create a safer environment as it keeps offenders occupied with a quiet, relaxing pleasure.”