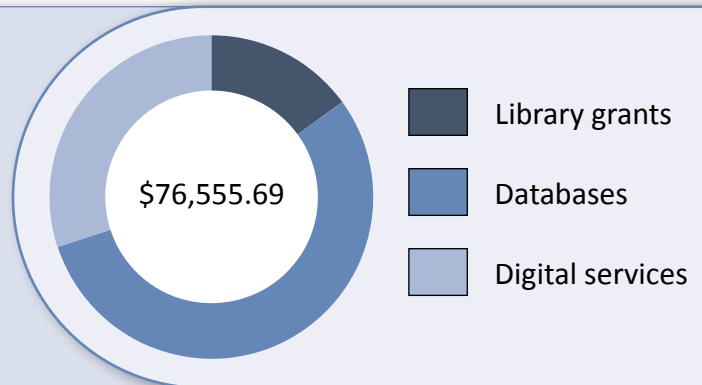
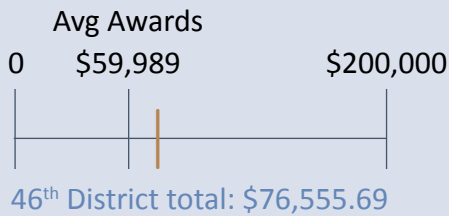


# Services to Libraries: 46<sup>th</sup> Legislative District

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

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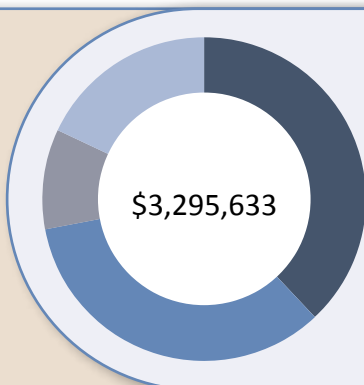
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## Total Federal Funding



- 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.

Data from October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016

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# Impact of LSTA Library Funding: 46<sup>th</sup> District



The Seattle Public Library partnered with the Washington State Library to provide free Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) certification exams. Through this partnership, 471 exams have been given saving the students a total of \$58,375. The average participant age was 40 and the exams were given to both existing and new library users. Most of the participants were unemployed and actively seeking employment. Participants reported that they used their new skills at work and many have assumed more work responsibilities. Thirty-six percent reported securing employment, and 7 percent were given a promotion.



“The Washington State Library provides a centralized structure for many vital services and collections; without that ‘core’ there will be a cascade effect throughout the state and region of decreased access to services, collections and training.”

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WSL 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 that provides live help for those middle of the night questions. “This service is wonderful! I’ll be using it a lot in the future. Thanks for providing this resource for us.”

“Thanks to the Washington State Library, my school district is able to purchase database access at a reasonable price. These resources have been essential in supporting my students particularly in their Social Studies and Language Arts classes.”