GRanTS for Libraries

Public Library SERvices grants

This program is for public libraries who want support for summer programs. The grant can be used to purchase from $500 to $2,000 of materials and supplies for a summer program for the public. The program can be on any of the three following topics:

* technology training - STEM, adaptive technologies, etc.
* children or teen services - Summer reading, nature experiences, etc.
* literacy programs – Early literacy, ESL, Financial, etc.

The application is available in January, due in March, and applicants are notified in April. The grant goes from May to August 31st. The application and final report are short and simple. Funds are by reimbursement after the materials and services are purchased. Program evaluation is required as part of the project.

Improving Access to information grants

This program is for public and academic libraries who want to expand access to their collections for their user community or expand their user community. The grant can be used to fund a project from $5,000 to $25,000 for one year. The program can focus on any of the three following topics:

* Increasing a library’s capacity in the area of literacy – develop or increase the scope of a literacy program such as early literacy, financial literacy, digital literacy, ESL, etc.
* Increasing a library’s capacity in the area of local history or special collections – develop or increase the scope of a specialized collection for a community.
* Increasing a library’s capacity to improve online access to community users with limited access – develop or increase the scope of digital inclusion efforts for a community.

The application is available in January, due May 31st, and applicants are notified in August. The grant goes from October 1st to September 30th. Funds are by reimbursement after the materials and services are purchased. Program evaluation is required as part of the project.

collaborative Library Services Grants

This program is for public, academic, and school libraries and other special library organizations who want to do a large community grant with partners. The grant can be used to fund a community program with an ACTIVE partner. Applicants can ask for $50,000 to $500,000 over one to three years.   
  
The grant guidelines do not specify the type of program, but applicants must have a partner who works alongside the library and must have a program that benefits the community and is innovative within that community.

An intent to file letter is due in January, the application is due May 31st, and applicants are notified in August. The grant goes from October 1st to September 30th for each year of the project. The application and reporting are appropriate to the funds request. Funds are by reimbursement after the materials and services are purchased. Program evaluation is required as part of the project.

For more information

You can find the guidelines, applications and other information on these grants at [www.michigan.gov/lsta](http://www.michigan.gov/lsta) in the Public Library Services grant program, Improving Access to Information grant program and the Collaborative Library Services grant program sections. The Library of Michigan grant programs are made possible by the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

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