Library Services and Technology Act in North Carolina

The Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) is the only federal program exclusively for libraries, administered by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). LSTA funds are used for:

- **Grants to States program**: a population-based formula grant designed to support library services in communities.
- **Native American and Native Hawaiian Library Services** to support improved access to library services for Native Americans, Alaska Native Villages, and Native Hawaiians.
- **National Leadership Grants** that support activities of national significance to enhance the quality of library services nationwide.
- **Laura Bush 21st Century Librarians program**: to support the professional development and ongoing education for the next generation of librarians.

Much of LSTA funding goes to each state through IMLS in the form of a population-based matching grant. Because LSTA funding is matched with state funds, if LSTA funding were reduced or eliminated, libraries would lose both sources of revenue.

Knowledgeable librarians nationwide use LSTA funding to help library users access essential information on a wide range of topics. The funding makes it possible to offer: training on résumé development; help on web searches of job banks; workshops on career information; links to essential educational and community services; assistive devices for people with disabilities; family literacy classes; homework help and mentoring program; information on religions and other cultures; access to government information; a forum for enhanced civic engagement; and much more.