

FEDERAL Funding Makes a LOCAL Difference in Colorado



The Colorado State Library (CSL) helps libraries, schools, museums, and other organizations improve services, making it easier for all Coloradans to access and use the materials and information they need for lifelong learning.

Our Federal Funding

The Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) is legislation that supports the distribution of federal funding from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) to state library agencies based on population.

Colorado's distribution is approximately \$3.2 million each year.

The Colorado State Library (CSL) uses LSTA to fund positions, and for programs and services that benefit Colorado communities.

**\$3.2
Million
(2023)**

Continuing Education

\$604,856

CSL provides:

- professional development and consultant support for ALL libraries across Colorado including public, school, academic, institutional, and special libraries ensuring a highly qualified workforce.
- consultant support for historic collections in libraries, museums, and archives.

Access

\$447,112

CSL provides:

- access to any book, at any library, to anyone through statewide interlibrary loan.
- online access to historic Colorado newspapers and items with historical significance in Colorado.
- in-person and online access to state government documents.
- a program that allows residents to get a library card at any Colorado library.

Supporting Libraries

\$1,539,227

Leadership and Staff Support

- Library Board and trustee resources
- Standards for public libraries
- Highly Effective Schools Through Libraries (HESTL)
- Rural and small library support and development
- Training, onboarding, and support for state-funded institutional library staff

Library Resources

- High-quality materials for programs and book clubs
- Develop and maintain websites for small and rural libraries

Evaluation, Reporting, and Research

- Evaluation and assessment of prison and detention center libraries
- Research and data collection for and about libraries for data-driven decision making

CO Talking Book Library

\$639,042

Resources for Coloradans who are blind, print disabled, and students with learning differences

- Audio, braille, and large print books
- Braille e-readers
- Audiobook players
- Technical support
- In-person, online, and phone support
- Community programs and outreach

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