



# LSTA

Library Services Technology Act

## Federal Funds, Local Impact:

**Apply for an  
Library Services  
Technology  
Act (LSTA)  
grant from the  
Massachusetts  
Board of Library  
Commissioners  
(MBLC)**



Using federal funding from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, MBLC staff and the State Advisory Council on Libraries (SACL) work together to develop grant offerings for local libraries. They review grant applications, make recommendations to the Commission and grants are awarded in July. Here are the basics of how the process works.

### WHO'S ELIGIBLE?

All types of libraries in Massachusetts may apply for LSTA direct grants if they meet the following eligibility criteria:

- **A current strategic plan and an action plan covering the grant round year in which you are applying on file at the MBLC.**
- **A member of Massachusetts Library System (MLS)**
- **For public libraries, certification in the State Aid to Public Libraries Program**

*See reverse side for more information.*

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### GRANT OFFERINGS:

- ACCESS FOR ALL
- ANYTIME STEM LEARNING
- CITIZENSHIP CORNERS & EXPANDED ENGLISH LANGUAGE SERVICES
- CIVIC HUB
- CONSERVING AND DIGITIZING LIBRARY & ARCHIVAL MATERIALS
- FINANCIAL LITERACY
- FIRST CONTACT
- GO LOCAL
- HEALTH & WELLNESS
- IDEALAB
- OPEN
- MANUSCRIPTS ARRANGEMENT & DESCRIPTION
- MIND IN THE MAKING
- PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS
- PRESERVATION ASSESSMENT
- SERVING 'TWEENS & TEENS
- STRENGTH IN FAMILIES
- TOWN-WIDE PRESERVATION ASSESSMENT

Full descriptions of the grant opportunities are available at:

<https://mblc.state.ma.us/programs-and-support/lsta-grants/opportunities.php>

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

#### November 7, 2019

The Commission approves FY2021 Direct Grant program and budget and the FY2021 LSTA Grant Round is announced

#### December 5, 2019

Letters of Intent due to MBLC

#### January 2020

Grant writing workshops held across the state

#### February 20, 2020

Draft grant proposals due

#### March 2020

MBLC program consultants review proposals and provide comments and recommendations

#### April 7, 2020

Final LSTA Grant Proposals due

#### May 2020

SACL and MBLC staff meet to conduct final review and determine funding recommendations to the Board of Commissioners

#### July 2020

Board of Commissioners reviews and acts on SACL recommendations and budget; Applicants are notified of grant awards

For more information – Complete LSTA Grant program information and application:  
<https://mblc.state.ma.us/programs-and-support/lsta-grants/index.php>