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On September 30, 1996, President Clinton signed the omnibus appropriation bill (H.R. 4278) containing a six-year renewal and updating of the Library Services and Construction Act (LSCA) which provides federal funding for many of the grant programs offered by the State Library. The Library Services and Construction Act expired on September 30, 1996 and is being replaced with the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA). LSTA is expected to fund library technology and services to special populations. The new law takes effect immediately. For FY 1997, federal funds will be appropriated under the Library Services and Construction Act according to the

regulations in effect in FY 1996. FY 1997 will be a transition year in which regulations will be developed for LSTA.

FY 1997 Elementary/Secondary Education Federal Funding Increases

The ALA Washington Office electronic newsletter *ALAWON*, vol.5, #71, reports that Congress funded education programs at or near the levels requested in President Clinton's FY 1997 budget. This will result in increases in funding for various elementary and secondary education programs. These increases present many opportunities for school libraries to benefit from technology programs this year. For example, Improving America's Schools Act, Title VI received a \$35 million increase. Approximately 40 percent of these funds are currently spent on school library resources and instructional materials. Also, included in this Act, the School Technology Resources program specifies providing training to school library media personnel and including them in the technology planning process. For full details on the FY 1997 federal education programs and their impact on New Jersey, contact Jean Harris, School Library Media Consultant, N.J. Dept. of Education at 609-292-6245.

Grant Award Announcements Posted on State Library Web Page <http://www.state.nj.us/statelibrary/njlib.htm>

Visit the State Library's web page to find out who won awards of contract for the State Library's current grant programs. The names of libraries awarded a contract for a particular grant program and a description of their projects will be made available on the web page shortly after the State Library sends out the contract notification letters.

***Grant\$ Bulletin* Available on State Library Web Page**

The State Library also provides online access to the latest issue of the *Grant\$ Bulletin* on its web page. You may print the *Bulletin* and the accompanying forms for requesting RFPs and registering for a technical assistance session (if available). The State Library will continue to mail the *Bulletin* to all eligible applicants for the grant programs contained in a particular issue.

Elizabeth Free Public Library Wins Grant from Microsoft

Microsoft Corporation is giving \$10.5 million in cash, training and software to 41 disadvantaged library systems across the United States and Canada. Elizabeth is the only New Jersey library on the list. The \$112,500 award will result in a total of 20 multimedia computers being placed at three public library branches and five high school libraries in Elizabeth. The new computers at the public library will be connected to the Internet and will also be made available for patrons wishing to use word processing and spread sheets programs.

Summary of Grant Awards: August 1995 through September 1996

Through September 1996, the State Library has awarded \$1.5 million to local libraries through the grant programs it administers. Seventy-one contracts were issued for state aid funds totaling \$796,228, and 35 contracts were issued for federal Library Services and Construction Act (LSCA) funds totaling \$773,591.

Collection Evaluation and Development April 1996

The purpose of this program is to increase access to a variety of materials in public libraries by developing or strengthening specific subject collections in public libraries. Thirteen grants totaling \$149,995 were awarded.

Bayonne Free Public Library	\$12,000
Belleville Public Library and Information Center	\$11,995
Camden Free Public Library	\$12,000
Cumberland County Library	\$12,000
Elizabeth Free Public Library	\$ 8,000
Irvington Public Library	\$12,000
Morris County Library	\$12,000
Newark Public Library	\$12,000
Ocean County Library	\$10,000
Oradell Public Library	\$12,000
Pennsauken Free Public Library	\$12,000
Roseland Public Library	\$12,000
Willingboro Public Library	\$12,000

Expanding Internet Access for Library Computer Consortia September 1996

The intent of this grant is to expand access to the resource databases on the Internet by providing funding to library computer consortia to provide Internet services for the first time or to expand existing Internet services provided to their member libraries. The RFP required that, if possible, one grant be awarded in both the northern and southern portions of the state. Two grants totaling \$100,000 were awarded.

Cumberland Libraries United Electronic System (CLUES)	\$50,000
PALS PLUS, the Computer Consortium of Passaic County Libraries	\$50,000

Incentives for Larger Service Units

May 1996

Grant funds may be used by county libraries to plan for the consolidation of one or more libraries into the county library system and/or for incentives to encourage that consolidation. The following five county libraries received grants totaling \$100,000.

Atlantic County Library	\$20,000
Burlington County Library	\$20,000
Cumberland County Library	\$20,000
Gloucester County Library	\$20,000
Monmouth County Library	\$20,000

Institutional Library Services: State Institutions

July 1996

Funds were awarded to assist in the establishment, provision, improvement or expansion of library services to persons in New Jersey state institutions who are without public library services and/or who do not receive the full benefits of library service due to disadvantages related to institutionalization. Ten institutions were awarded grants for a total of \$99,904.

Atlantic County Transitional School	\$10,000
Camden County Day Training Center	\$10,000
Cumberland Day Training Center	\$10,000
Gloucester County Day Training Center	\$10,000
Hunterdon Developmental Center	\$ 9,968
Middlesex County Educational Center	\$10,000
Monmouth Day Training Center	\$10,000
Ocean Day Training Center	\$10,000
Senator Garrett W. Hagedorn Gero-Psychiatric Hospital	\$10,000
Trenton Psychiatric Hospital	\$ 9,936

Library Services to Special Populations

August 1996

The purpose of this program is to assist public libraries in providing library and information services to targeted special populations who are unserved or inadequately served due to disadvantages related to sex, age, race, language, culture, economic deprivation or lack of education. Eleven public libraries received grants totaling \$100,005.

Atlantic City Free Public Library	\$ 2,313
Belleville Public Library and Information Center	\$10,000
Bernardsville Public Library	\$ 9,960
Elizabeth Free Public Library	\$10,000

Gloucester County Library	\$ 8,827
Mercer County Library	\$10,000
Newark Public Library	\$10,000
Ocean County Library	\$ 8,905
Paterson Free Public Library	\$10,000
Phillipsburg Free Public Library	\$10,000
Plainfield Free Public Library	\$10,000

Maintenance and Preservation of Library Collections

June 1996

The purpose of this grant is to assist libraries in the preservation and conservation of collections of Jerseyana or New Jersey subject matter, New Jersey imprints or unique materials. Ten libraries were awarded grants totaling \$104,421.

Burlington, Library Company of	\$ 5,697
Cranford Public Library	\$ 4,000
Elizabeth Free Public Library	\$15,000
Glassboro Public Library	\$ 9,219
Irvington Public Library	\$ 3,500
New Jersey Historical Society	\$15,000
Newark Museum Library	\$15,000
Newark Public Library	\$15,000
Plainfield Free Public Library	\$15,000
Rutgers University Libraries Special Collections	\$ 7,005

Major Urban Resource Library (MURL)

November 1995

Newark Public Library was awarded \$87,406 for this targeted grant program. One of the goals of the Library Services and Construction Act is supporting and expanding library services of major urban resource libraries which, because of the value of the collections of such libraries to individual users and other libraries, need special assistance to furnish services at a level required to meet the demands made for such services.

Multimedia Audiovisual Services for Public Libraries

July 1996

The purpose of this grant is to assist public libraries in the provision of new or expanded reference and information services to their patrons through the use of interactive multimedia audiovisual materials and equipment. Twenty-four libraries received grants totaling \$165,197.

Asbury Park Free Public Library	\$7,000
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Bayonne Free Public Library	\$7,000
Bogota Public Library	\$7,000
Boonton-Holmes Public Library	\$7,000
Bound Brook Memorial Library	\$7,000
Bridgeton Free Public Library	\$7,000
Camden Free Public Library	\$6,129
Cumberland County Library	\$7,000
Deptford - James H. Johnson Memorial Library	\$7,000
East Brunswick Public Library	\$7,000
Elizabeth Free Public Library	\$6,998
Fanwood Memorial Library	\$6,848
Glassboro Public Library	\$7,000
Gloucester County Library	\$7,000
Hackettstown Free Public Library	\$6,991
Jersey City Free Public Library	\$7,000
Ocean County Library	\$7,000
Pennsauken Free Public Library	\$7,000
Pequannock Township Public Library	\$6,600
Phillipsburg Free Public Library	\$7,000
River Edge Free Public Library	\$7,000
Swedesboro Public Library	\$7,000
Teaneck Public Library	\$5,631
Vineland Public Library	\$7,000

Municipal Branch Library Services
(Program B--Assistance for Operations and Improvements)
March 1996

The purpose of this grant is to expand or enhance library services in established branches of municipal libraries or to add new services. This year's focus was on providing new, expanded or enhanced reference, information and children's services to patrons at branch libraries through the use of computers and/or telecommunications to access library materials and information. Eight libraries received grants totaling \$89,311.

Bayonne Free Public Library	\$12,000
Clifton Public Library	\$ 5,330
East Orange Public Library	\$12,000
Elizabeth Free Public Library	\$11,981
Linden Free Public Library	\$12,000
Newark Public Library	\$12,000
Paterson Free Public Library	\$12,000
Wayne Public Library	\$12,000

**New Jersey Nightline:
After-Hours Toll-Free Reference Service
FY 1996**

East Brunswick Public Library was awarded \$175,000 to continue the *New Jersey Nightline* service which was funded through federal Library Services and Constructon Act and state Network Aid funds and contributions from the four Regional Library Cooperatives. *New Jersey Nightline* provides ready-reference services directly to callers by operating a toll-free information service seven nights a week after most public libraries are closed.

**Non-English Language Materials Acquisitions Center
April 1996**

The Newark Public Library received \$150,000 to continue for a fifth year the operations of *MultiMAC*, the Non-English Language Materials Acquisitions Center, which acquires materials in 11 foreign languages. The Center provides the following services: quarterly booklists available to all requesting libraries, bulk loans, on-site review of materials, current vendor data, full cataloging information, continuing education workshops, translation and interpreting services, and a toll-free consultation hotline.

**Public Library Literacy Programs
August 1995**

The purpose of this grant program is to strengthen local library services, resources and programs to meet the literacy needs of adults, young adults and families. In FY 1996 the grant program provided funds for three types of activities: literacy instruction, collection development and family literacy programs. Seven libraries received grants totaling \$100,000.

Program A: Literacy Instruction

Belleville Public Library and Information Center	\$20,000
East Orange Public Library	\$20,000
Elizabeth Free Public Library	\$20,000
Old Bridge Public Library	\$ 6,025

Program B: Literacy Collection Development

Elizabeth Free Public Library	\$10,000
Newark Public Library	\$ 8,975

Program C: Family Literacy

Camden Free Public Library	\$15,000
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Program A: Literacy Instruction

Hillside Free Public Library	\$ 5,000
Jersey City Public Library	\$15,000
Passaic Public Library	\$15,000
Plainfield Free Public Library	\$15,000
Secaucus Free Public Library	\$15,000
Trenton Public Library	\$ 6,500
Westwood Free Public Library	\$15,000

Program B: Family Literacy

Atlantic County Library	\$15,000
Burlington County Library	\$15,000
Glassboro Public Library	\$ 2,080
Paterson Free Public Library	\$15,000
Vineland Public Library	\$15,000

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