



Federal Funding for **Libraries**



Libraries serve an important role in your communities back home. Every day, libraries provide no-fee access to computers and Wi-Fi, serve small businesses, help people find jobs, support literacy development for children, and help veterans transition to civilian life.

The Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) is the only source of dedicated federal funding for the more than 120,000 school, public, academic, government, and special libraries across the nation. LSTA Grants to States ensure that every state has access to needed resources and power to determine how to use them. LSTA funds support a range of services in your community:

- LSTA **prepares students** for today's job market by providing coding and STEM activities;
- LSTA **funds business development assistance programs** for entrepreneurs, provided by skilled business and technology outreach librarians;
- 95% of libraries offer **online homework assistance**;
- 98% of public libraries provide **no-fee Wi-Fi**; and
- 98% of libraries provide **technology training**.

With the \$232 million provided in its reauthorization, LSTA funding will allow more than 120,000 school, public, academic, government, and other libraries to advance employment, entrepreneurship, education, empowerment, and engagement in communities across America.

**Please fully fund libraries in FY2020
& sign the LSTA appropriations letter.**

To cut funding for libraries means to undercut opportunities libraries provide for all Americans. We urge Congress to continue to make full funding for our nation's libraries a priority for FY2020.

Overwhelming support for the Museum and Library Services Act of 2018 is Congress's vote of confidence in America's libraries. The \$232 million authorization level for LSTA is a modest, but critical investment in your libraries and the opportunities they provide your constituents.

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