

2012 LSTA Technology Grant Information

In 2012, SCLS will receive a \$42,000 non-competitive grant through the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA). This grant, the Public Library System Technology Projects Grant, can be used for a variety of technology-related projects that, "...assist public library systems in meeting the technology needs of their system and member libraries." For 2012, the following projects will be submitted to LSTA for funding:

ArchivalWare and Koha Interface

\$5,000

This portion of the grant would pay for the interface between the ArchivalWare digital software and the Koha ILS, resulting in a unified searchable interface to both sets of data.

Mobile Access to LINKcat Investigation

\$3,000

This project would be an investigation into various ways of access the LINKcat OPAC from various mobile devices, possibly a mobile application or an additional web interface optimized for mobile device users. The ILS budget currently has an additional \$2,000 budgeted for a mobile app and these funds can be used as well.

Crystal Reports Interface to Koha Data Investigation

\$15,000 – 25,000

This project would be an investigation into using the Crystal Reports reporting software to organize and display statistical data from the Koha ILS in a usable and flexible manner for member libraries. Costs associated with this project include consultation fees, software licenses, and possible additional hardware purchases.

MS Office and Deep Freeze licenses

\$9,000 – 19,000

This portion of the grant would pay for the necessary Microsoft Office licenses and Deep Freeze PC locking software licenses needed for Patron PCs on the SCLS network. Licenses purchased would offset the Technology fees assessed to libraries participating in Technology Services from SCLS accordingly. The number of licenses purchased will be based on the remaining monies remaining after funding the other proposed projects.