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To: California Libraries

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Subject: LSTA Grants - Pitch an Idea FY 2014/15

It is time again for Pitch an Idea, which is a grant process that is designed to give California libraries an opportunity to present a project idea to the State Library before writing a grant. Here is how it works:

1. Complete the *Pitch an Idea Form* (one per library jurisdiction) and email to us by 4:00 p.m., Monday, March 3, 2014.
<http://www.library.ca.gov/grants/lsta/apply.html>
2. We will make an appointment for a telephone conversation with you during the weeks of March 24-28, April 1-4, & 7-11, so that you can make your “pitch”. The conversation will last no more than 30 minutes.
3. After reviewing all of the ideas and conversations, the State Library will select the projects that closely align with our LSTA priorities and are most viable and ready to implement.
4. If your library’s project is selected, you will be asked to complete an LSTA application by May 30, 2014. State Library staff will work with you to ensure that your grant meets all of the important requirements. Once they are met, you will be awarded an LSTA grant.



As you consider what idea(s) to pitch, please consider the following:

- The funding for this round will be available for 12 month projects beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015. Please propose only those projects that can be completed within those 12 months.
- Libraries may submit projects for up to \$125,000.
- Budgets should be well thought out. What will the money be spent on? How much will be needed? Is it eligible for LSTA funding?
- Library jurisdictions can pitch only one idea during the discussion period. This is done to try to support as many different library projects as possible.
- Each idea submitted must be fully supported by the director and/or library administration.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Darla Gunning at darla.gunning@library.ca.gov.

We are looking forward to hearing all about your ideas!