



California State Library's New Five-Year Investment Plan Helps Provide Equitable Access to Resources for All Californians

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{Sacramento, Calif.} – The California State Library has won federal approval of a new Five-Year Investment Plan for grantmaking that directs resources toward strengthening and supporting innovation in California's libraries in order to increase access to opportunity for Californians.

Here's the plan: [California State Library Five-Year Investment Plan](#)

The plan guides the State Library in deploying more than \$15 million in federal funds annually. This new plan prioritizes equity-centered community engagement.

"A key part of this investment blueprint is focusing on the way we help communities meet their needs and aspirations," said Greg Lucas, California's State Librarian. "Ensuring equitable grantmaking ensures equitable outcomes."

Central to the plan is the State Library helping local library staff work together with their communities to achieve community aspirations, address community challenges, and develop resources and programs that connect more Californians with the wealth of opportunities found at their local libraries—from literacy programs to business resources, early learning programs, and health and wellness services.

This commitment to collaboration and partnerships, data-driven and outcomes-based impact, equity-centered work, and ongoing communication to achieve the goals set out in the plan aligns with California's ongoing efforts to knock down barriers to opportunity.

The plan was developed in partnership with the California library community. It is approved by the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services.

About the State Library: Founded in 1850, the California State Library has an extensive collection of documents from and about the state's rich history, ranging from books, maps, miners' diaries, newspapers, and periodicals to photographs, paintings and posters. The State Library also holds federal and state publications and is home to the Bernard E. Witkin State Law Library, and the Braille and Talking Book Library. [State Library website](#)