

286—6.1(256) Description. The Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) program is an annual, federally funded program which provides assistance to libraries and library programs in Iowa. The purpose of the Library Services and Technology Act is to stimulate excellence and promote access to learning and information resources in all types of libraries for individuals of all ages. The federal LSTA program, authorized by P.L. 104-208 (H.R. 3610) and enacted September 30, 1997, supersedes the Library Services and Construction Act (LSCA).

6.1(1) The state library administers and uses the state-based LSTA funds (in any proportion) directly or through subgrants or cooperative agreements for the purposes of

- a.* Establishing or enhancing electronic linkage among or between libraries;
- b.* Electronically linking libraries with educational, social, or information services;
- c.* Assisting libraries in accessing information through electronic networks;
- d.* Encouraging libraries in different areas, and encouraging different types of libraries to establish consortia and share resources; and
- e.* Paying costs for libraries to acquire or share computer systems and telecommunications technologies.

6.1(2) The state library targets library and information services to persons having difficulty using a library and to underserved urban and rural communities, including children (from birth through age 17) from families with incomes below the poverty line.