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LIBRARY AWARDED FEDERAL GRANT

(Your city/state, date) -- The (name of your library) has won an important grant from the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services through the Library Services and Technology Act administered by the Oregon State Library.

The (name of your library) has received a \$ (dollar amount of your grant) federal LSTA grant to be used for (example: the library's proposed "One World, One Community, One Library: Something for Everyone" project that serves non-English speaking immigrants. The grant will finance foreign language and English as a Second Language materials and activities for adults and children. Funds will also be used for programs to enhance interaction between library staff and immigrant patrons).

Upon learning that the (name of your library) received the LSTA grant, (name of your library director), director of the library, said: (example: This grant will help the library meet the needs of a very important and vital segment of our society. Nearly 40 percent of the students in our local public high schools speak a language other than English at home. The grant will do wonders for our unique community).

The federal funds will be used to (example: add to the library's growing collection of foreign language videos, newspapers, books, and CDs. A workstation to provide access to databases in languages other than English, and stipends for oral and written translators for library programs and brochures are also planned. In addition, computer-training sessions, book discussion groups for adults, and story hours for children will be offered in patrons' native languages).

Under federal legislation, the Institute of Museum and Library Services, through the Library Services and Technology Act, provides funds to State Libraries using a population-based formula. State libraries may use the appropriation to support statewide initiatives and services; they may also distribute the funds through subgrant competitions or cooperative agreements to public, academic, research, school, and special libraries. Federal funds support primarily activities using technology for information sharing between libraries and other community services. It also funds programs making library resources more accessible to urban, rural, or low income residents, or others who have difficulty using library services. For more information about the federal IMLS/LSTA grants, please visit the IMLS Web site at www.imls.gov or contact your state library.

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