Teresa Strozik Software Development Grant

What is this grant program?

The Teresa Strozik Software Development Grant is a biennial opportunity for NYLA members to receive funding for either individual or group software projects that would benefit the New York state library community. Proposals may involve risk. The project results – be they success, failure, or a combination thereof – must offer valuable information to the library field and provide the potential for improvement in the ways libraries operate and/or serve their communities. Grantees are required to submit a short white paper to be publicly posted and shared with the field at the completion of the grant period.

What are the characteristics of successful projects?

- **Broad Impact**: Your project should show the potential for far-reaching impact beyond your institution. It should influence practice across one or more disciplines or specific fields within the library profession.
- **In-depth Knowledge**: Your project should reflect a thorough understanding of current practice and knowledge.
- **Innovative Approach**: Your project should employ new approaches to strengthen and improve services that benefit the audiences and communities being served.
- **Shared Results**: Your project should generate results that can be widely used, adapted, scaled, and/or replicated.
- **Elevate Services**: Your project should improve both access to information and the experience of using library resources based on nationally recognized benchmarks that focus on three strategic areas: Community Value, Engaging the Community, and Organizational Management.

What are the funding categories and project categories for this program?

There are no specific project categories. Examples of activities that may be funded by this program include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Digital literacy apps
- Early learning literacy games
- Assistive helpers
- Automatically ensuring web accessibility
- Wireless printing apps/software
- Automated purchase recommendations
- Thin client computer software
- Tablet access point software
- Event or other digital flyer system software
- Audio or video sharing software
- Transcript or optical character recognition improvements
- Creation of computer models from physical items
- Adding specific features to an open source project

How much money can we apply for?
The award amount has a $1,000 limit.

Where can I find additional examples of projects funded by this program?
As this is the first year for the software development grant, there are no examples yet.

Award Information

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| Anticipated period of performance | November 2019-November 2020  
Project activities may generally be carried out for up to one year. |

Eligibility Information

What are the eligibility requirements for this program?
To be eligible for the Teresa Strozik Software Development Grant, you must:
be either an individual or organizational member of NYLA;
work in one of the following:
  ○ a library or a related parent organization, such as a school district, a municipality, a New York State agency, or an academic institution, that is responsible for the administration of a library. Eligible libraries include public libraries, public elementary and secondary school libraries, college and university libraries, research libraries and archives that are not an integral part of an institution of higher education and that make publicly available library services and materials that are suitable for scholarly research and not otherwise available. Research libraries must be under the supervision of at least one permanent professional staff librarian and be either generally recognized as possessing unique, scholarly research materials and services that are made available to the public, or able to demonstrate that such is the case when submitting an application;
  ○ a private library or another special library, but only if New York determines that the library should be considered a library for purposes of Library Services and Technology (see 20 U.S.C. 9121-9165);
  ○ an academic or administrative unit, such as a graduate school of library and information science, that is part of an institution of higher education through which it would make the application;
  ○ a digital library, if it makes library materials publicly available and provides library services, including selection, organization, description, reference, and preservation, under the supervision of at least one permanent professional staff librarian;
  ○ a library agency that is an official agency of New York or another unit of government and is charged by the law governing it with the extension and development of public library services within its jurisdiction; or
  ○ one of New York’s Regional Library Councils.

What are the requirements for cost sharing?
There are no matching or cost share requirements for the Teresa Strozik Software Development Grant.

How many applications can we submit to this program?
You may submit one application each time the grant is offered.
Application and Submission Information

When and where must I submit my application?

Your application must be emailed to SMART (nyla.smart@gmail.com) by July 15th of the award year. Acceptable file types include Adobe PDF, TXT, MS Word or Google Docs.

What is needed in an application?

1. Describe the project.
   a. What area it is in, and what it will accomplish.
   b. Include a clear and well-defined problem statement
   c. Let us know if the funding you seek is part of a larger project or one which is funded elsewhere.
   d. If your proposal relates to open source, please indicate when the software will be available, how widely might it be used or distributed (and whether it scales), and which open source license governs the software.
   e. Explain any best/worst-case outcomes identifying the risks you may encounter and how you might mitigate them. Failure is often a form of progress, so it’s important to record the challenges you encounter in your work.

2. It is critical to provide an explanation that helps both experts and non-experts understand what is unique about your software.

3. A timeline and budget for the proposed software development.

4. Include a CV or resume for the researcher(s) or developer(s). Each CV should not exceed two pages.

What happens after I submit my application to SMART?

Once SMART has received your submission, SMART will send email messages regarding the progress of your application. The first will confirm receipt of your application and the second will indicate that the application has either been successfully
validated or has been rejected due to errors. Portions of applications may be shared online.

All applicants will be notified of the winner by October 1st of the award year.

Payment will be sent with receipt of project completion form or submission of receipts.

About Teresa Strozik

During her 10 years at Syracuse University, Teresa Strozik was most proud of her work implementing the new state-of-the-art "on-line" library system at the new Bird Library. In 1974 she became the associate director for Library Services of the State University of New York. In that position, she was responsible for field implementation of the Online Computer Library Catalog (OCLC), a system used by more than 2,700 libraries in all 50 states and Canada. Teresa served (often as chair) on more than a dozen state and national committees, task forces, commissions, and councils. She was a guest lecturer/instructor at numerous universities throughout North America and a frequently invited speaker at professional library association conferences. Upon special invitation by the Polish Academy of Sciences, Teresa traveled to Poland to consult and assist with the implementation of academic library networks in the four university centers at Warsaw, Krakow, Poznan, and Wroclaw. Teresa concluded her professional career as the director of technical services at Hamilton College in Clinton, NY, from 1989 to 2001. While there, she was instrumental in implementing leading-edge library automation and technology systems and ensuring top-notch technical training for her staff.