



Imagining the Future of the State Program Report (SPR)

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Overview

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- Principles for engagement
- Current user experience and future aspirations
- Discussion
- Updates coming soon
 - Data visualizations
 - Multi-factor authentication
- Final Q&A / Next Steps



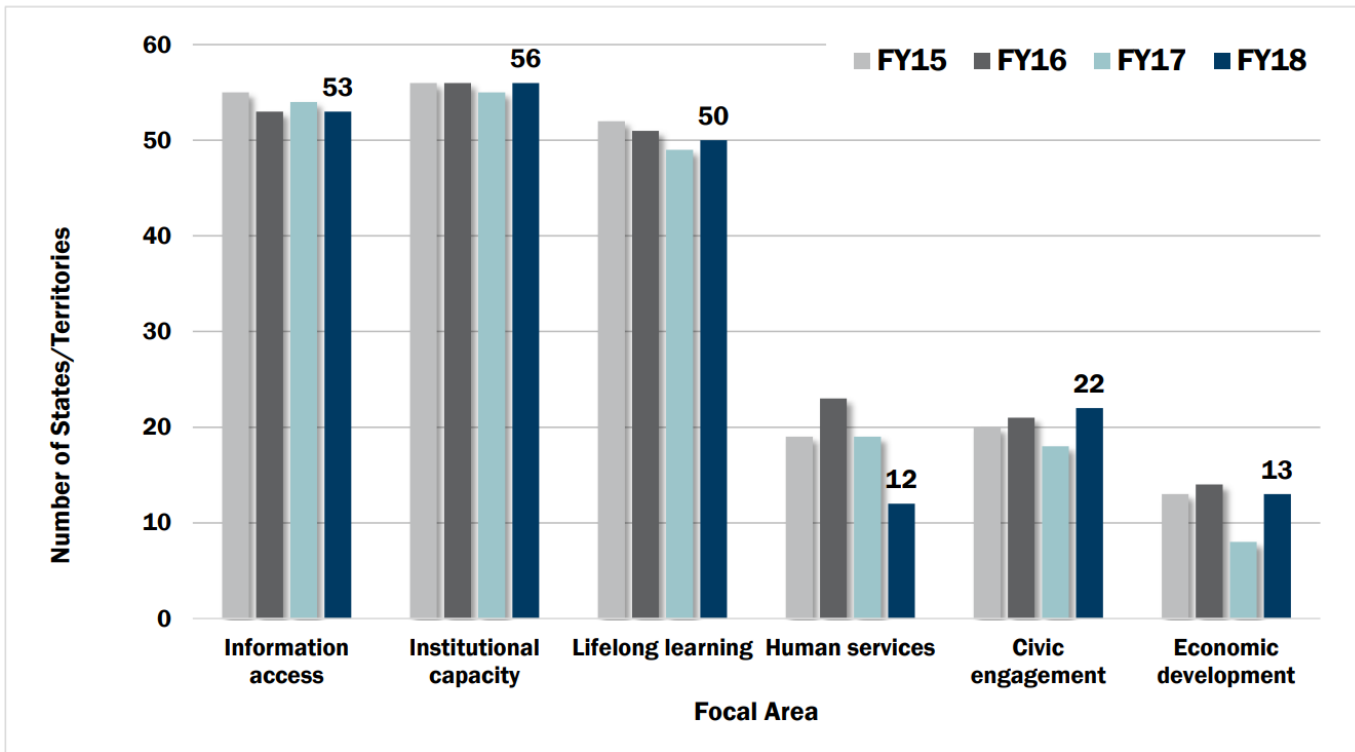
SPR big picture

- Last significant SPR build-out was 2013-16
 - Outcomes and Public View added by 2017
 - New developer for cloud migration in 2019
 - “Steady state” maintenance since 2020
- New SPR has given us better national data
- Now may be a good time to consider improvements



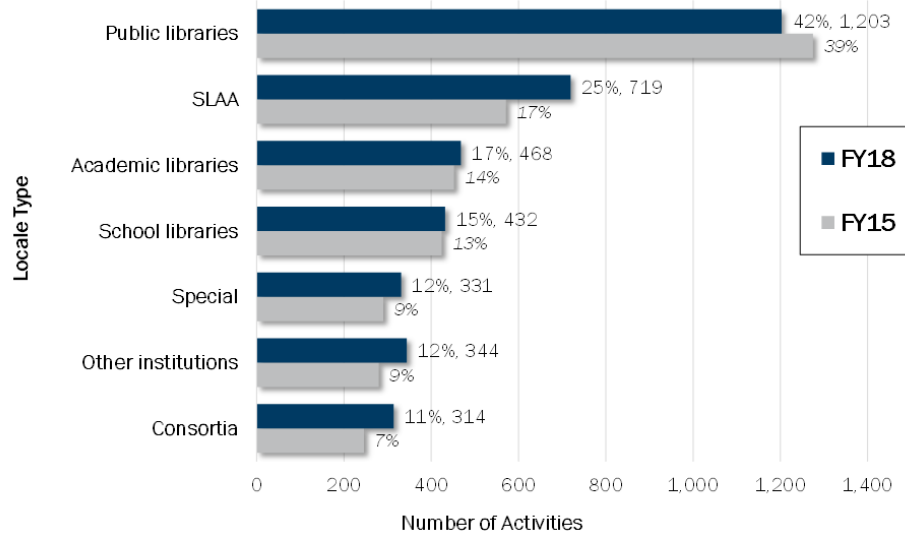
National data example

Number of States/Territories with Projects in Each Focal Area, FY15 - FY18

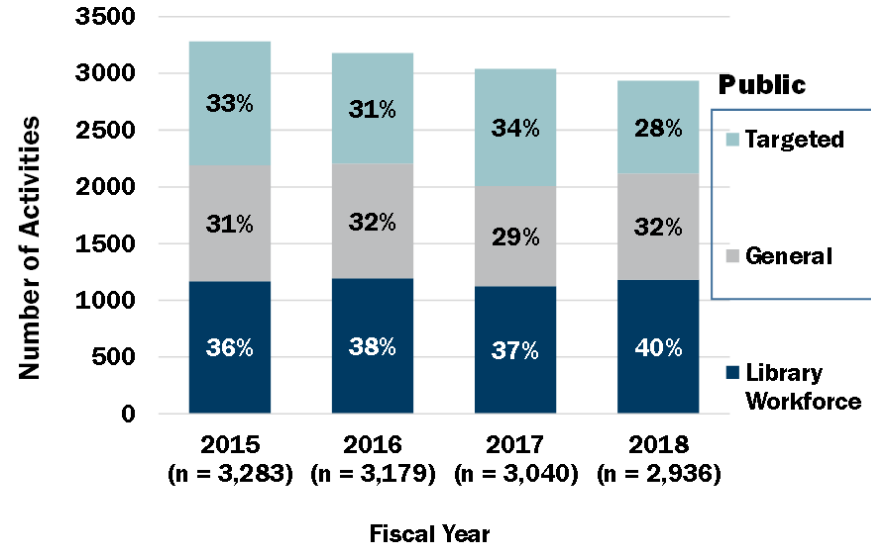


National data example (cont.)

Activity Locales, FY15 and FY18



Activity Beneficiaries





SPR big picture (cont.)

- Examples of recent SPR enhancements based on your feedback:
 - Self-service SPR data pulls (5-year eval spreadsheets)
 - Automatic default to “draft” status when editing projects
 - Incremental saving in activity screens to prevent data loss
 - Default year settings editable by user and session
- Looking toward ~3-year update with intermittent enhancements (not an overhaul like a decade ago)



Principles for engagement

- This is a federal-state partnership program
- We rely on your active participation/input
- Some improvements will help states and some IMLS
- SPR enhancements will be a cooperation between SLAAs, G2S staff, IT engineers, and IMLS research staff for support
- Any planned enhancements will keep the timing of the next five-year evaluation in mind



Potential facets of work

- Outdated look and feel (user interface)
- System-to-system streamlining (SPR and eGMS)
- Data we're collecting and framework behind it
- Data visualizations and trend analyses
- **SLAA user experience (today's focus)**



Current user experience (UX)



Grants To States Program Report

Sign In To Continue To The State Program Report

Sign In

If you have trouble signing in, contact your Program Officer.



UX – add project



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Projects

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Add a Project

Select a fiscal year:

I would like to:

- Add a new project
- Continue a project from a prior fiscal year
- Copy a project

Add Project

UX – initial project fields

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Cancel Save and Continue Save Project

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- General Information
- Project Director
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G2S Project Code: *Unassigned*
State: *Ztest*
Fiscal Year: *2021*

General Information

Title: *

State Project Code:




UX – add'l materials/budget

Additional Materials

Attach File (file limit: 40MB)

No file chosen

Enter URL 

Preliminary Agenda - IMLS G2S - March 2023.pdf



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Budget Information

LSTA	MATCH-State	MATCH-Other	Total
Salaries/Wages/Benefits			
<input type="text" value="50000.00"/>	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>	\$50,000.00
Description	<input type="text" value=".75 FTE over 16 months to coordinate project"/>		



UX – intent/subjects

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Intent:

Improve users' ability to discover information resources. ▾

Arts, Culture & Humanities

Business & Finance

Employment

Personal Finance

Small Business

Civic Affairs

Community Concerns

Government


Education

After-school activities

Curriculum support


Environment

UX – initial activity fields



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Activity Information

Title: *


Abstract:



Font default

Size default

This abstract should be distinct from the project abstract and also about 90-160 words.



Intent: *

Cancel

Next >>

UX – activity mode/quantities



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Activity Information

Activity: *

Instruction

Mode: *

Program

Format: *

Combined in-person & virtual

Quantity Information

Session length (minutes)

60

Number of sessions in program

1

Average number in attendance per session

34

Number of times program administered

1

Cancel

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Save and Continue >>



UX– activity beneficiaries

If the activity is directed at those in one or more of the following economic situations, select one or more.

People who are living below the poverty line

Unemployed

Not Applicable

If the activity is directed at ethnic or minority populations, select one or more

American Indian or Alaska Native

Asian

Black or African American

Hispanic or Latino

Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander

Not Applicable



UX – activity locale options

Locale

Is the activity statewide? *

Yes

No

Can you identify specific institutions? *

Yes

No

Institutions

Name: ✕

Address:

City:

State: Zip:

[Add Another Institution](#)

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OR

Locale

Is the activity statewide? *

Yes

No

Can you identify specific institutions? *

Yes

No

Institution Types

Public Libraries	21
Academic Libraries	0
SLAA	0
Consortia	0
Special Libraries	0
School Libraries	0
Other	0

[Return to Project](#) [<< Prev](#) [Save and Continue >>](#)



UX– project outcomes

Project Outcomes

List any important outcomes or findings not previously reported.

This was a pilot effort that had not been undertaken before; based on a state association conference, there are several other library systems that would like to pursue similar work.

Please briefly describe the importance of these outcomes and findings for future program planning.

If the effort continues, it might shift from start-up to maintenance and consulting with other libraries that want to take part.



UX – exemplary/tags

Exemplary

Exemplary



Exemplary Narrative:

This pilot effort was the first of its kind and overcame a lot of hurdles and incorporated a third party evaluation from which we took a lot of lessons learned.

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Project Tags

Wi-Fi, digital inclusion

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UX – project status / save

Project Status

Selecting Completed will lock fields for further editing. If further editing is required after "Completing" the project, you can reselect Draft.

This project must be set to Completed to allow for the fiscal year's Report to be Certified and submitted to IMLS.

Version:

Status:

Draft

Completed

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Save Project

Save and Continue

Cancel

UX – project list / status options

List Projects

Select a fiscal year:

View Admin Project

View Final Financial Status Report

Batch Upload Projects

Print All Projects

Add Project

Move projects to: ?

-- Select A Status --

<input type="checkbox"/>	Status	System Code	State Code	Title	Grantee	LSTA
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text" value="x"/>	<input type="text" value="x"/>	<input type="text" value="x"/>	<input type="text" value="x"/>	<input type="text" value="x"/>	<input type="text" value="x"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Draft	2021-ZT-88082		ARPA: Hotspot lending sds 4	ZT Public Library 3.6	28000
<input type="checkbox"/>	Draft	2021-ZT-88083		Early Readers Story Time in	Ztest Public Library	6200
<input type="checkbox"/>	Draft	2021-ZT-88084		Statewide Databases		50000
<input type="checkbox"/>	Draft	2021-ZT-89020		Test saving	ZT out-of-state evaluator	20000
<input type="checkbox"/>	Complete	2021-ZT-89112		Firefox saving/formatting test	Ztest Public Library	30000
<input type="checkbox"/>	Complete	2021-ZT-89985		example title	ZT Public Library 3.6	100430

Save

UX – validation check



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The following projects either need the SLAA to change them to “complete” or have IMLS review them; if the latter, contact your program officer:

2021-ZT-88082

2021-ZT-88083

2021-ZT-88084

2021-ZT-89020

The following Projects have end dates that fall outside the reporting period:

2021-ZT-88083

The Final Financial Status Report has an Unobligated Balance less than \$0.

The Administrative Project exceeds 4% of the LSTA award (allotment).

The following Projects have an inactive or no Grantee selected:

2021-ZT-88084

Certify Financial and Project Reports

I certify to the best of my knowledge and belief that all these reports are correct and complete and that all outlays and unliquidated obligations are for the purposes set forth in the award documents.

Select a fiscal year:

Certify Reports

Validate Reports



Discussion questions preview

Everyday:

- Walk us through your use of the SPR throughout the year (reporting, answering queries – [Public View](#), etc.)
- What's working well in meeting your needs and what are the pain points?
- What does pre-SPR info-gathering look like, and does it involve other systems? What's working well or not?
- What works/doesn't work in terms of reporting project-level budgets? Could we get to activity-level budgets?
- What works/doesn't work in terms of controlled vocabulary such as Subjects (up to 2); and tags (up to 3)?
- What works/doesn't work in terms of current Locale flexibility (report by institution details or just a number)?
 - Sometimes IMLS can't convey the true reach of the program without geo-location data.
- What SPR data is most useful to you year-round and during the five-year evaluation?

Big sky:

- Thinking about everything, where are your time investments disproportionate to SPR data pay-offs (ROI)?
- What SPR enhancements would make your work easier?
- Beyond updating the SPR, is there anything we could streamline to reduce the administrative burden on you and your subrecipients?



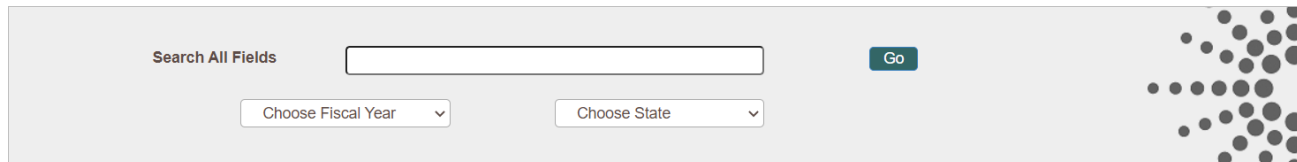
Q1 and Q2

- Walk us through your use of the SPR throughout the year (reporting, answering queries – [Public View](#), etc.)
- What's working well in meeting your needs and what are the pain points?

Search State Program Report (SPR) Projects

The State Program Report (SPR) is a reporting tool used by the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. territories for the [IMLS Grants to States program](#). This program is the largest source of federal funding support for library services in the U.S. Using a population based formula, funds are distributed among the State Library Administrative Agencies (SLAAs) every year and ultimately support around 1,500 projects. These include statewide initiatives and services, and SLAAs may also distribute the funds through competitive subawards to, or cooperative agreements with, public, academic, research, school, or special libraries or consortia (for-profit and federal libraries are not eligible).

The tools available here will allow you to search or browse these annual IMLS Grants to States projects, which describe how the funds were spent and what kinds of library services they supported. Users can search by state or fiscal year, and can filter search results by fields such as who the grant served, partners, and type of library involved. Please note that these are two-year awards that are reported after the period of performance; for example, funds distributed in Fiscal Year 2014 were not reported until the end of calendar year 2015. See the [IMLS Grants to States program overview](#) for more information.



The screenshot shows a search interface with a light gray background. At the top left, it says "Search All Fields" next to a white search input box. To the right of the input box is a dark blue "Go" button. Below the input box are two dropdown menus: "Choose Fiscal Year" and "Choose State". On the right side of the interface, there is a decorative graphic of gray dots of varying sizes arranged in a pattern.

Q3

- What does pre-SPR info-gathering look like, and does it involve other systems? What's working well or not?

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1		Library	What they did, per final reports and reimbursements	Intent in application vs. actual	Number of people helped - per Final Report	ACTIVITY: 1. Hotspots for lending	# Devices obtained	Total circulation
6	CARES-5	Churchill County Library	9 FIRE tablets	Met intent.	9			
8	CARES-7	Elko-Lander-Eureka County Library System	42 hotspots	Met intent.	126	Elko	42	
9	CARES-9	Henderson District Public Libraries	75 Chromebooks	Met intent.	s			
10	CARES-10	Humboldt County Library	readers; also 6 Wifi extenders/repeaters and	Met intent.	3,851			
11	CARES-11	Las Vegas Clark County Library	with match) - distributed among 25 branches.	Met intent.	9,479	LVCCLD (193 from CARES + 99 from	292	9479

Q4

- What works/doesn't work in terms of reporting project-level budgets? Could we get to activity-level budgets?

Budget Information

	LSTA	MATCH- State	MATCH- Other	Total
Salaries/Wages/Benefits	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
Description	10% of salary for technology librarian			
Consultant Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Description				
Travel	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Description	set up assistance at library branches			



Q5

- What works/doesn't work in terms of controlled vocabulary such as Subjects?
 - How useful is it for you to select up to 2 Subjects?
 - How useful is it for you to add up to 3 Tags?

Project Tags

Wi-Fi, digital inclusion

- Arts, Culture & Humanities
- Business & Finance
 - Employment
 - Personal Finance
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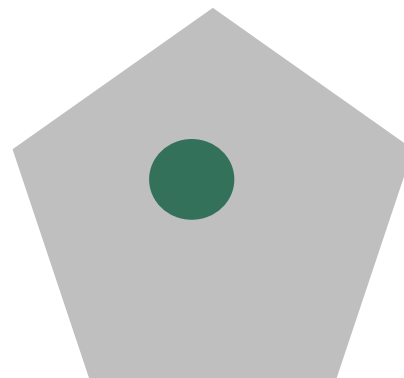
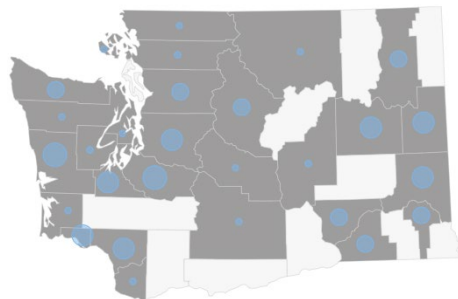
Q6

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Awards In Washington

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**Awards in West Dakota
(the “state capital issue”)**

Q7

- What SPR data is most useful to you year-round and during the five-year evaluation?

Colorado Five-Year Evaluation of Library Services & Technology Act (LSTA) Grants to States Implementation, 2018-22

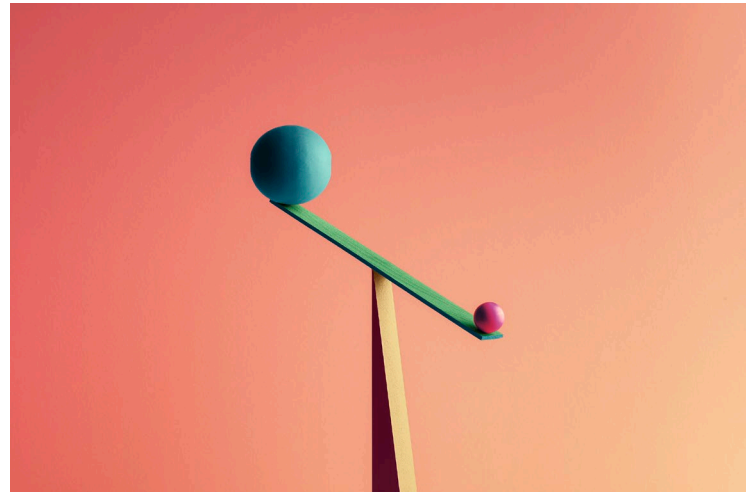
Resource Kits for Libraries

Resource Kits are bundled tools and materials that help libraries provide new and exciting programming that engages their communities in new and interesting ways. Topics: under-served populations, early literacy, STEAM			
Intent: Improve users' general knowledge and skills		LSTA Expenditures, 2018: \$109,910.27; 2019: \$94,870.21; 2020: \$57,990.38 (plus annual State match)	
Outputs	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
Presentations / attendance	4 / 80	4 / 80	1 / 200
Consultations	81	48	20
Print acquisitions	443	850	750
Kits created	12	5	3
Kits/book club bags circulated	221	228	550
Outcomes	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
Presentations: Strongly agree/agree: Learned something	98% (N=51)	93% (N=15)	---
More confident	92%	93%	---
Intend to apply	82%	80%	---
Will improve services to public	92%	100%	---
Kits: Resource met library needs	96% (N=25)	---	---
Will improve services to public	92%	---	---



Q8

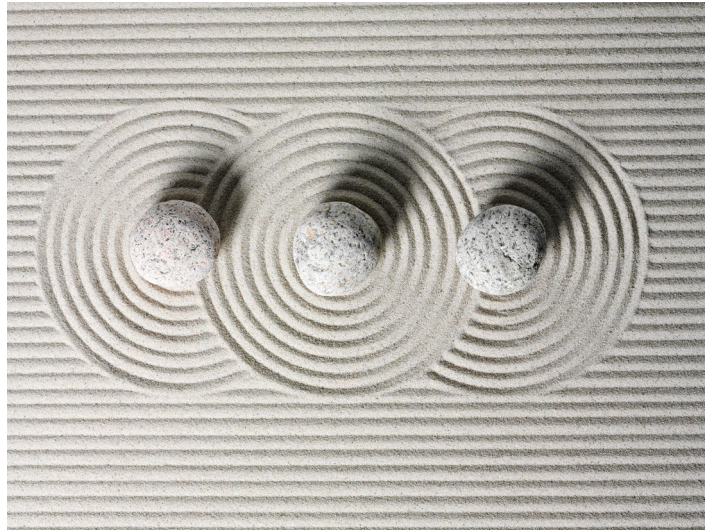
- Thinking about everything, where are your time investments disproportionate to SPR data pay-offs (ROI)?





Q9

- What SPR enhancements would make your work easier?



Q10

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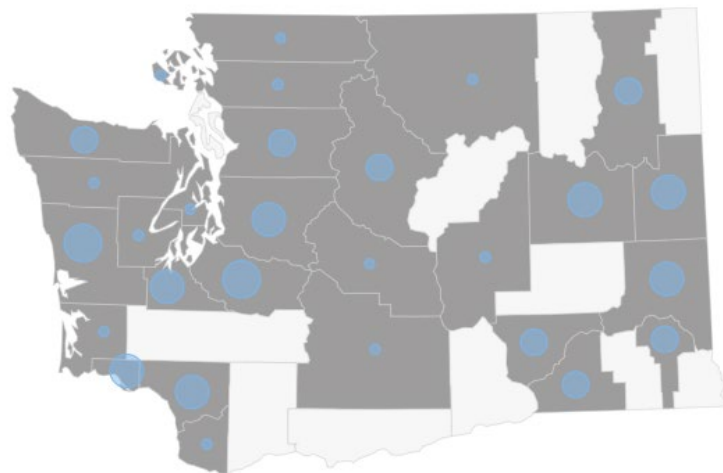
Update – data visualizations

- Some testing of new tool for data visualizations as an alternative or in addition to current tools

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Update coming soon - MFA

- SPR currently has a single sign-on
- Due to federal security requirements, the SPR needs to move to **multi-factor authentication (MFA)**
- eGMS already moved to multi-factor authentication through login.gov this year
- IMLS will update you before the changes occur

A DEMO website of the United States government [Here's how you know](#)

LOGIN.GOV 



eGMS Reach at the Institute of Museum and Library Services is using Login.gov to allow you to sign in to your account safely and securely.

i IMLS awardees and active peer reviewers have privileges to access eGMS Reach. If you believe you should have access to the system but cannot log in, contact Reach-HelpDesk@imls.gov for assistance.

Email address

Password

Show password

Sign in



Final Q&A and Next Steps

- We will reflect on what we heard today
- We may come to you for additional input
 - Seeking volunteers to provide input over the rest of the year
- We will update you as any changes or plans roll out
- We plan on having updates by fall to inform development

Questions?