

Sumter	\$9,581	STEM Adventures
ABBE - Aiken	\$40,000	Library Outreach Van
Georgetown	\$25,000	Progress Through a Better Prison Library
Union	\$11,094	Mental Health Grant
Total	\$85,675	

LSTA Federal Grant Funds 2017 (FFY17)

SC State Library Large Competitive Projects

Sumter County Library - \$9,581 STEM Adventures Project

The Sumter County Library offered a wide variety of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) programs to elementary and middle school students through the STEM Adventures LSTA grant. The library partnered with the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club to help serve populations typically under-represented in STEM fields. The library also offered programs at times when interested families are likely to be able to attend. Most programs took place at the Main location, with several events at the Wesmark and South Sumter locations, and programs ran throughout the school year as well as into the summer. Sumter County Library's goal was to inspire confidence and an interest in STEM fields, helping young people in Sumter County develop 21st century skills such as critical thinking, teamwork, creativity, and problem-solving.

ABBE Regional Library System - Aiken \$40,000 - Library Outreach Van

The ABBE Regional Library System purchased a Farber Sprinter outreach vehicle that is handicap accessible and wi-fi enabled with matching funds provided by our partner, the Friends of the Aiken County Public Library to provide outreach and bookmobile services to homebound seniors and others with mobility issues at assisted living facilities, senior housing complexes, and retirement communities. The outreach vehicle provides both lobby stops and on board visits. ABBE also partners with Aiken Senior Life Services to provide lobby stops and on board visits at five congregate meal sites operated by Aiken Senior Life Services throughout Aiken County. In addition, bookmobile and extensions staff provide outreach and registration at community events, expanding service to Bamberg, Barnwell and Edgefield counties in the future.

Georgetown County Library - \$25,000 - Progress Through a Better Prison Library

The Amazing Journey grant reestablished a library at the Georgetown County Detention Center, serving the 212 inmates incarcerated there with new fiction, nonfiction and educational, and self-help books. The project also provided six laptops with Microsoft software and training materials for 49 detention center officers. Another facet of the project provided 30 life skills and job search classes for inmates participating in the Sheriff's Reentry Program (RES). RES was also given books, six laptops, two smart televisions, and AutoCad software to aid in journeyman certification classes. As a bonus, several RES graduates were videotaped and the library and RES entered the J. Mitchell Graham Competition.

Union County Carnegie Library - \$11,094 - Mental Health Grant

Two staff members received certification to provide Mental Health First Aid training. Certified staff held MHFA sessions for local residents and organizations, much like taking a Red Cross CPR course, but for mental health, including substance use, depression/anxiety, etc. allowing community members to recognize a person experiencing a mental health crisis, and take appropriate actions to help. The goal was to help Union County address many of its issues, including those relating to substance abuse, by providing this training. Participants received a 3 year certification in mental health first aid and received a free manual for future reference.