U.S. Treasury Capital Projects Fund for Libraries

The American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA") Capital Projects Funds provides $10 billion for payments to eligible governments to carry out critical capital projects in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency. https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/coronavirus/assistance-for-state-local-and-tribal-governments/capital-projects-fund

Grant Opportunity: Department of Libraries Capital Project Fund

The State of Vermont has submitted a proposal to the U.S. Treasury to grant **$16.4 million** of our state's Capital Project funds toward capital improvements to **Vermont's public libraries**. These funds are intended to address critical building improvements to ensure Vermonters have continued access to high-speed Internet to directly enable work, education, and health monitoring at their local public libraries.

Eligible Projects

Projects making public libraries more accessible to Americans with disabilities, improve ventilation and filtration of air, or address structural issuesthreatening the integrity of the building could all be eligible for this funding.

Timeline

The Department of Libraries is awaiting approval of our grant program from the U.S. Treasury, which we hope to receive this winter. Once we receive approval, we will launch a competitive grant process through which Vermont communities can access these federal funds to improve their local public library.

Our goal is support communities in successfully accessing these federal ARPA funds. Upon receiving approval from the U.S. Treasury, the Department of Libraries will host a webinar for library staff and trustees to review the application process and timeline.

We anticipate grant awards will be made by spring 2023 so that project can begin as early as summer 2023.

Building projects must be completed by December 31, 2026.

Get Ready!

If you haven't already, you should start working on advancing your capital project. The more pieces you have in place by the time the application opens, the better. Prepare to apply for these transformative grants by reviewing the capital project-related resources VTLIB has assembled for you:

Capital Project Related Webinars
https://libraries.vermont.gov/capitalprojectsgrants/webinars

- Library Renovations: Grant Opportunities, Historic Buildings, Project Planning
- The Americans with Disabilities Act: What Libraries Need to Know
- Grant Writing for Librarians
- Library Safety and Security
- Disaster Planning for Vermont Libraries: Beginning Workshop
- Disaster Planning for Vermont Libraries: Intermediate Workshop
- Strategic Planning Series with Alliance Research
- ALA webinar on upcoming grant for improving accessibility in small, rural libraries
- Attracting ARPA and Other Municipal Support to Libraries
- How to Champion Your Library to Select Boards and Beyond

Print Construction Resources
https://libraries.vermont.gov/capitalprojectsgrants/print_resources

Online Construction Resources
https://libraries.vermont.gov/capitalprojectsgrants/online_resources

Questions? Contact the Department of Libraries with questions about this grant opportunity or to be added to our email groups for library staff or trustees.
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