



Library Meetup 3/25/2021



# Funding Sources 2021

- American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)—*passed*  
3/10/2021
  - Library-specific
  - Municipal
- Build America's Libraries Act--*not yet passed*

# American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

## passed 3/10/2021

ARPA will issue **one-time** funds to VTLIB directly through IMLS. Funds will also be issued to municipalities.

Library funds are allocated to:

- First, to enable libraries to reach residents with internet hotspots, accessible Wi-Fi, and other digital inclusion efforts, particularly in support of education, health, and workforce development needs. The following types of data, among others, can inform efforts to reach underserved populations:
  - Poverty/Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
  - Unemployment
  - Broadband availability
- Second, to provide rapid emergency relief to libraries across the country, allowing them to safely respond to the pandemic and implement public health protocols;
- Third, to support library services that meet the needs of communities throughout the U.S., including costs such as personnel, technology, training, materials, supplies, equipment, and associated indirect costs; and
- With respect to any of the above, reach tribal and museum partners best positioned to assist with pandemic response efforts, in addition to traditionally eligible library entities, where appropriate.

Note that your municipalities are also receiving ARPA funds. Get yourselves to the table.

# Build America's Libraries Act

This has not yet passed, but aims to fund improvements to library facilities to:

- protect health and safety, such as preventing the spread of COVID-19;
- upgrade broadband equipment and technology hardware;
- improve accessibility for people with disabilities; abate hazards such as mold and lead; and
- increase environmental sustainability, such as energy efficiency

# Needs Assessment Survey

Please participate to help us better design grants through which we would distribute these funds.

- Coordinate the submission with all of your stakeholders to make sure we only receive one submission per library.
- <http://bit.ly/libneeds21>
- Will send email with link after meetup today. Please submit by **end of day on April 6.**