

IMLS ARPA Grants to Public Libraries for Collections and Equipment Purchases

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Informational Webinar
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Today's Webinar

- Welcome by State Librarian Catherine Delneo
- Staff introduction
- American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) 2021
- IMLS ARPA Grants to Public Libraries for Collections and Equipment Purchases
 - Details
 - Live demo of grant form
- Q&A/Ideas exchange

IMLS ARPA Staff

- Lucie Fortier – VTLIB Contracts and Grants Administrator
 - Application
 - Grant agreements
- Janette Shaffer – Assistant State Librarian for Library Advancement
 - Budget approval
 - General grant questions/allowability
- VTLIB staff
- Agency of Administration staff

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The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA)

- \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan Act 2021 passed by Congress in March 2021 - \$350 billion for state and local governments
- \$200 million in pandemic response funding for the Institute of Museum and Library Services' (IMLS) Grants to States program
- Specific to Libraries/Museums—\$2,135,819 for VTLIB
- **IMLS ARPA Priorities**
 - Digital inclusion, access improvement to support education, health, and workforce development needs. Needs to reach underserved populations
 - Rapid emergency pandemic response
 - Support library services that meet the needs of communities

Not allowable: Construction and subscriptions



\$2,135,819 VTLIB Disbursement of IMLS ARPA Funding

- Almost \$1M for 163 Public Libraries for Equipment and Supply Purchases
- Grants to statewide organizations
 - Consortia GMLC (VOKAL/LUV), Catamount Library Network
 - Vermont Historical Society
- Statewide Program Allocations
 - Support for courier
 - ABLE Library collection expansion /technical devices
 - Streaming movie license for schools
 - Air quality meters
 - Print and eBook/eAudiobook collection purchases
 - Collections for Corrections and other state institutions

Note about IMLS ARPA Grants to Public Libraries

- Grants are separate and cannot be combined
- Spending/reporting deadline for initial grant is July 15, 2022

IMLS ARPA Grants to Public Libraries for Collections and Equipment Purchases

- Why another round?
 - Additional need
 - Opportunity to expand collections with EDI focus
 - Available funds/Extension from feds
- Similar logistically to first round of IMLS ARPA grants to Public Libraries
 - Formula grant
 - Application
 - Funding advance vs. reimbursement

Allocation Details

- Formula
Base dollar amount per person served + poverty and unemployment factors + broadband availability
- Base allocation \$500 for every library
- \$500 to \$22,114

Library	Town Location	Service Area Population	Grant = \$.50 per Person Served	Poverty Score	Broadband Access	Unemployment	Score Average	Base Grant Amount x Score	Grant amount with \$500 min
Albany Town	ALBANY	942	\$471.00	1.1092	1.0730	1.0029	1.0617	\$500.06	\$500.06
Alburg Public	ALBURGH	1,766	\$883.00	0.9826	1.0853	1.0567	1.0415	\$919.66	\$919.66
Martha Canfield Memorial	ARLINGTON	4,043	\$2,021.50	0.9666	1.0058	1.0378	1.0034	\$2,028.40	\$2,028.40
H. F. Brigham Free	BAKERSFIELD	1,086	\$543.00	0.9071	1.1694	1.0386	1.0384	\$563.84	\$563.84
Charles B. Danforth	BARNARD	844	\$422.00	0.9450	0.9917	1.0350	0.9906	\$418.01	\$500.00
Barnet Public	BARNET	1,564	\$782.00	1.0058	1.1623	1.0316	1.0666	\$834.07	\$834.07
McIndoes Academy *	BARNET/MCINDOES		\$0.00	1.0058	1.1623	1.0316	1.0666	\$0.00	\$500.00
Aldrich Public	BARRE	16,385	\$8,192.50	1.1184	0.9320	1.0400	1.0301	\$8,439.31	\$8,439.31
Barton Public	BARTON	1,238	\$619.00	1.0622	1.0522	1.0714	1.0619	\$657.34	\$657.34
Jones Memorial	BARTON/ORLEANS	3,185	\$1,592.50	1.0622	1.0522	1.0714	1.0619	\$1,691.13	\$1,691.13
Bennington Free	BENNINGTON	16,214	\$8,107.00	1.0406	0.9385	1.0485	1.0092	\$8,181.56	\$8,181.56
Benson Public	BENSON	837	\$418.50	1.0172	1.1058	1.0331	1.0520	\$440.26	\$500.00
Bethel Public	BETHEL	2,111	\$1,055.50	1.0039	1.0651	1.0366	1.0352	\$1,092.67	\$1,092.67
Bradford Public	BRADFORD	2,713	\$1,356.50	1.0018	0.9922	1.0368	1.0103	\$1,370.42	\$1,370.42

Allowable Purchases: Collections

- Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion
- ADA accessible items
- New American collections (e.g. [Welcoming Library](#))
- Multilingual collections
- Formal diversity audits from a reputable company
- Other

One-time purchases vs. subscriptions

You do not need to provide individual book titles in your grant application.

Resource page: https://libraries.vermont.gov/edi_collection_development

Allowable Purchases: Equipment and Supplies

- Outdoor programming and placemaking items
 - Indoor furniture for COVID response (no upholstery)
 - Standalone HVAC augmentation
 - Computers for patrons
 - Makerspace equipment and content
 - Video production equipment
 - Technology for communication and productivity
 - Book bike
 - Accessibility devices and tools
 - Dedicated space for social worker/employment specialist/telemedicine etc.
 - Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
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- You may spend more than your allocation if you have the budget
 - No construction/no subscriptions/no operational costs
 - Single items \$5,000+

VTLIB, State, IMLS and Federal Compliance Requirements

- Have a [Unique Entity Identifier \(UEI\) number](#) (this number replaced the DUNS number); if you are a municipal library, you will use your town's UEI
- Submit an application and your budget by the deadline
- Sign a grant agreement with VTLIB
- Acknowledge funding from VTLIB and IMLS in any communications about your award, per these [attribution guidelines](#)
- Provide required final report (including receipts) detailing how the funds were spent

Whenever possible, follow the guidance in [§200.321 Contracting with small and minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms](#) and [§200.322 Domestic preferences for procurements](#).

Timeline

April 15, 2022: Webinar

April 15, 2022: Application opens (Link TBD)

May 11, 2022: Grant application and budget submission deadline

June 1, 2022: Grant agreements issued

September 30, 2022: Funds must be spent, and report submitted

Information and Resources

- Main web pages
 - <https://libraries.vermont.gov/ARPA2021>
 - [https://libraries.vermont.gov/ARPA PL 2](https://libraries.vermont.gov/ARPA_PL_2)
 - [https://libraries.vermont.gov/edi collection development](https://libraries.vermont.gov/edi_collection_development)
- Worksheets
 - [Worksheet \(Word\)](#)
 - [Worksheet \(PDF\)](#)
- FAQ & Question form
 - [https://libraries.vermont.gov/ARPA FAQ](https://libraries.vermont.gov/ARPA_FAQ)
- [Press release template and attribution guide](#)
- UEI / SAM.gov training materials
 - [PowerPoint presentation for UEI](#)
- [MHEC / State purchasing](#)

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Live Demo

- No ability to save
- Timeout after 15 min
- Worksheet

Q&A and Ideas Swap