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**Vermont Department of Libraries Announces Grant to [INSERT LIBRARY NAME] as part of American Rescue Plan Act Funding by the Institute of Museum and Library Services**

*[INSERT LIBRARY NAME] awarded [INSERT GRANT AMOUNT] under ARPA Grants to Public Libraries for Equipment and Supply Purchases*

[INSERT TOWN/CITY] – The Vermont Department of Libraries released nearly $1 million of American Rescue Act funds to public libraries for Equipment and supply purchases in the fall of 2021. Now, the Department of Libraries is following up with a second grant round of $320,000 to respond to local needs following the pandemic. The funds for both grants are provided by the Institute for Museum and Library Services and are targeted directly to local communities where they can do the most good, particularly for equity, diversity, and inclusion, and New Americans.

For the first round, [INSERT LIBRARY NAME] was awarded a grant in the amount of [INSERT GRANT AMOUNT]. At [INSERT LIBRARY NAME], the funds went toward [INSERT LANGUAGE ON PROJECTED BUDGET EXPENDITURES ALONG WITH THE PURPOSE OF WHAT YOU HOPE TO ACHIEVE, THE EFFECT ON YOUR COMMUNITY, WHY IT’S IMPORTANT, ETC.]. In this second round, the [INSERT LIBRARY NAME] will receive [INSERT GRANT AMOUNT]. The library will use these funds for [INSERT LANGUAGE ON PROJECTED BUDGET EXPENDITURES ALONG WITH THE PURPOSE OF WHAT YOU HOPE TO ACHIEVE, THE EFFECT ON YOUR COMMUNITY, WHY IT’S IMPORTANT, ETC.].

[INSERT QUOTE FROM DIRECTOR AND/OR BOARD MEMBER]

**About [INSERT LIBRARY NAME]**

[INSERT BOILERPLATE LANGUAGE, LINKS TO SOCIAL MEDIA, WEBSITE, ETC.]

**About the Vermont Department of Libraries**

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