**Needs Assessment Survey Federal Funds. Please submit your answers to** <http://bit.ly/libneeds21>

Thank you for your interest in providing us with feedback on your library’s one-time project needs. Your response will help VTLIB shape grant opportunities to disperse available federal and NGO funds to where they are most effective. By listing the various choices, we are not guaranteeing that we’ll be able to fund them specifically. Once we have more details on funding rules and limitations, we will be able to provide specifics on what projects are eligible. Please coordinate responses with your board/leadership to make sure we only have one response per library. Submissions are due by end of day on April 6, 2021.

**Section 1**

Contact Information

1.Library Name



2.Your Name



3.Your Email Address



**Section 2**

American Rescue Plan Act 2021

Library-specific American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) funds are managed by IMLS and dispersed through VTLIB. We anticipate that the library-specific ARPA funding will cover similar areas as last year’s CARES Act (PPE, COVID-mitigation, broadband, etc.).

4.For which of the following categories of projects would your library most likely seek one-time funding to accomplish using library-specific American Rescue Plan Act Funds (ARPA) (passed on March 10, 2021)? Choose no more than FOUR options.

Network – Wired network improvements

Network – WiFi extenders or mesh

Network – Off-site WiFi hotspot(s) in community

Tech – Public computers

Tech – Lendable mobile hotspots and laptops

Tech – Telehealth/virtual meeting Pods

PPE (ex: cleaning supplies, sneeze shields)

Space - HVAC augmentation (stand alone filters, purifiers etc.)

Space - Upgrading interior furniture, fixtures, and/or lighting

Space - Creating specific-use spaces (ex: youth, event space, etc.)

Space - Outdoor structures/furniture for programming and accessing library services

Space - Hiring a space planner to meet distancing and foot traffic guidelines

Collection – Automation (ILS/catalog)

Collection – Preservation of library materials/non-book collections

Collection – Special focus collection development (ex: library of things, community-driven special collection)

Website - Updates/new sites, accessibility

Collaborative pilot project, service, or joint-professional with other libraries

Other



5.Vermont municipalities will also receive millions of dollars through ARPA. Do you plan to work with your municipality to seek funding from their ARPA allotment?

Yes

No

I don't know

Other



**Section 3**

Build America's Libraries Act

In addition, the Build America’s Libraries Act was introduced on Jan 28, 2021. Note that this bill has not yet passed. We are asking these questions in anticipation in case it passes.

6.For which of the following categories of projects would your library most likely seek one-time funding to accomplish using Build America’s Libraries Fund (not yet passed in Congress)? Choose no more than FOUR options.

HVAC upgrades/replacement

Adding/upgrading library bathrooms

Library restoration/renovation/expansion

Capital improvements - flooring replacement, roof replacement, etc.

Creating specific-use spaces (ex: youth, event space, etc.)

Technology/network upgrades

Outdoor structures/furniture - for programming, accessing library services

Hazard mitigation - water, mold, mildew, lead, etc.

Hiring a space planner

Hiring a professional to help plan renovation or new construction

Hiring a strategic planner

Conducting a feasibility study

Other



7.If you have major building projects, upgrades, or renovations as part of your library’s current plan, at what stage are you in the process? (Please choose one)

In the exploration stages

Have initial architectural/design plans

“Shovel ready”

Other

