

U.S. Treasury Capital Projects Fund for Libraries

The American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA") [Capital Projects Funds](https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/coronavirus/assistance-for-state-local-and-tribal-governments/capital-projects-fund) 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 allocated **\$16.4 million** of our state's U.S. Treasury ARPA 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. This program will be administered by the Vermont Department of Libraries.

Timeline:

January 30, 2024: Treasury Projects Fund Grant Application Launch Webinar

January 30, 2024 through March 12, 2024: Grant application for the U.S. Treasury Capital Projects Fund for Libraries is open

Late Spring/Early Summer 2024: Grant Awards will be made

December 31, 2026: End of the period of performance for all ARPA Capital Projects Funds

Eligible Projects

Projects that make public libraries more accessible to Americans with disabilities, improve ventilation and filtration of air, or address structural issues that threaten the integrity of the building are eligible for this funding.

Timing and Process of Grant Opportunities

The Department of Libraries is administering two competitive grant processes through which Vermont communities can access federal funding to support capital improvements to their local public library. Our goal is to support Vermont communities in successfully accessing both the U.S. Treasury Capital Projects Fund for Libraries and Public Facilities Preservation Initiative Grants funds for which their public library is eligible.

The Department recommends that every public library apply for all grant funding for which it is eligible. That said, these will be competitive grants that will enable some public libraries to complete capital projects. However, the funding does not fully meet the significant need for capital projects funding in all of Vermont's 187 public libraries. The Department anticipates making awards to at least one public library in each of Vermont's 14 counties through these two programs.

If your capital project fits within the parameters of *both* the U.S. Treasury Capital Projects Fund for Libraries and Public Facilities Preservation Initiative Grants, then the Department recommends that you apply for both grant opportunities.

Get Ready!

If you haven't already, you should start working on advancing your capital project. The further along your library is with planning and raising funds for your capital project the better positioned you will be to apply for these and other grant opportunities

The Department has assembled these capital project related resources for libraries:

- [Capital Project Related Webinars](#)
- [Print Construction Resources](#)
- [Online Construction Resources](#)

Questions?

Please direct any questions to LIB.VTLIBCapitalGrants@vermont.gov.

Stay Informed!

Communications about the Capital Projects Grants will be shared with Vermont's public library community via our three main listservs: lib.staff, lib.trustee, and VTLibraries.

The Department of Libraries has also created a new listserv dedicated to capital projects updates: lib.capitalgrants@list.vermont.gov . To join this listserv, please [complete this form](#).