Libraries Keep Students Learning and Adults Earning/
American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Grant
from the Idaho Commission for Libraries

https://libraries.idaho.gov/grants-funding/arpa-grant/

Easy Reference Guide

SHORTENED/EASY REFERENCE GRANT NAME -

"Learning and Earning/ARPA Grant"

ICfL GRANT PRIORITIES -

The focus of these one-time grant projects is on how libraries keep students learning and/or adults earning, specifically in regard to:

a. Internet hotspots, accessible Wi-Fi, and other digital inclusion efforts, particularly in support of education, health, and workforce development needs;
b. Library efforts that allow them to safely respond to the pandemic and implement public health protocols;
c. Library service costs such as personnel, technology, training, materials, supplies, equipment, and associated indirect costs;

ELIGIBLE LIBRARIES -

Idaho public, school, academic, tribal, and special libraries are all eligible to apply for a Learning and Earning/ARPA Grant. For this grant, ICfL is only allowing one application/award per public library jurisdiction (up to 104). School districts OR an individual school library can apply separately. However, school libraries may only be a part of one application so please talk with your district if you plan to apply separately. Libraries do not need to belong to the American Libraries Association to apply for these grant funds.

IMPORTANT DATES –

Informational Grant Webinar: Thursday, May 12, 2021 @10:30 a.m. MT/ 9:30 a.m. PT. No registration required. Via Zoom – Meeting ID: 812 8197 9579; Passcode: 30901

Application Deadline: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 @ 5:00 p.m. MT/ 4:00 pm. PT

Grant Award Announcement: July 1, 2021

Grant Project Implementation Timeframe: July 15, 2021 – August 11, 2022

Spending/Report Deadline: Thursday, August 11, 2022 @ 5:00 p.m. MT / 4:00 pm. PT

REQUEST AMOUNT -

There are no minimum or maximum request amounts for this grant. Request the amount your library needs to thoroughly implement the proposed grant project.

OTHER ARPA SOURCES OF FUNDING -

When forming your Learning and Earning/ARPA Grant request for ICfL, please consider that we are hearing of other ARPA funding going to other agencies to which libraries may potentially apply to as well. Other library related projects which may receive support include:

- For mobile hot spots and Wi-Fi capable devices, etc. reimbursement, consider the Emergency Connectivity Fund through the FCC's E-rate program - ICfL's E-Rate Contact: William Lamb, Library Technology Consultant, at william.lamb@libraries.idaho.gov or (208) 639-4167 for more information
- For broadband support, consider the Treasury Funds (more info coming soon!)
- For library services/programming relating to the arts and humanities, consider contacting the Idaho Humanities Council at https://www.idahohumanities.org/grants/
- For e-books, ICfL plans to offer each public library branch and bookmobile $1,000 - $1,500 to support OverDrive e-book access – ICfL's Overdrive Contact: Dylan Baker, E-Services Program Supervisor, at dylan.baker@libraries.idaho.gov or (208) 639-4167 for more information

Please view this summary of library-related ARPA funding from the American Libraries Association: "Library Recovery Funding Summary, March 2021"

DUNS NUMBER FOR GRANTS -

Effective immediately, all Idaho libraries will need a Data Universal Number System (DUNS) number to receive an ARPA grant (or any other federal grant from the ICfL). If your library or administrative entity does not have a DUNS Number, please begin this process ASAP. Libraries should note that if they are under their city, school district, etc., that entity may already have a DUNS number you should use. To check to see if your organization has a DUNS number, look here: https://www.dnb.com/duns-number/lookup.html. To start the process for a free DUNS number, call 866.705.5711 or go to fedgov.dnb.com/webform. Please note that we have been informed by other states that calling results in about a 10-day turnaround versus 30 days for the website.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT ICFL -

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