

American Rescue Plan Act

ARPA Technology Grants

OLIS INFORMATION SESSION

JUNE 18, 2021

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American Rescue Plan Act funds for libraries are administered by the Institute of Museum and Library Services under priorities of the Library Services and Technology Act.

Purpose: help communities respond directly and immediately to pandemic, and related economic and community needs thru equitable approaches.

OLIS Strategy: help libraries expand digital access, support learning, and strengthen library services in their communities.

Strategy supports the goals of [OLIS Five-Year Plan](#) and priorities for the use of ARPA IMLS funds.

LSTA ARPA Overview

To help libraries expand digital access, support programming and learning, and enhance library operations to aid recovery from the coronavirus pandemic.

The grant program is non-competitive: all eligible public libraries may be awarded grants upon successfully completing the application process.

ARPA Technology Grants Overview

Grant Priorities



Public Access
Computers



Learning/Public
Programming



Library Operations

Funds

Base grant

- Up to \$8,000 for libraries with an Ocean State Libraries service population under 10,000
- Up to \$10,000 for libraries with an Ocean State Libraries service population over 10,000

Adjustments

- \$2,500 per branch
- Distressed communities: additional 25% of the total of the base grant and branch amount

OSL Purchases

- Desktop or laptop computers for public access computing or training
- Computer monitors
- Peripherals, such as sealed keyboards and mice
- Barcode scanners and receipt printers

Eligible
Expenditures

Library Direct Purchases

- Storage / charging station for laptops
- Tablet computers such as iPads that are used for streaming or public access computing
- Smartboards
- Audio equipment: microphones and/or headsets for podcasting or broadcasting streaming programs; audio speakers for programs, plus microphone stands, microphone peripherals, or cables necessary for connecting equipment
- Video equipment: devices to stream or record video content, plus tripods or other equipment necessary to hold video equipment for recording purposes

Eligible
Expenditures

Not Eligible

- Hotspots, routers or other devices for internet connectivity.
- Unreimbursed expenditures for devices purchased through the Emergency Connectivity Fund. The ECF caps reimbursement on items such as laptops and hotspots; OLIS ARPA funds cannot be used for any balance remaining on such devices.
- Virtual reality or gaming equipment, scanning equipment for digitization, or other technology when the primary purpose is not to expand access to the internet or digital content, or to expand access to programming or learning opportunities, or to support library operations such as circulation or staff work.
- Installation costs for any equipment.
- Sound mixing equipment or software.
- Subscriptions to Zoom or other conferencing tools.
- Subscriptions to software or services



Application

Portal at <https://lorinet.info/grants/tech2021/>

Verification code (i.e. password) sent to you on 6/11/2021 by Karen Andrews (contact Karen.Andrews@olis.ri.gov for missing codes)

Includes a calculation for your maximum available reward

Pre-filled basic information about the library based on previous OLIS grant applications/awards

Auto calculates all expenses

Log in again to re-do submitted application if needed

Application Walk-through



Check the information that is prefilled for accuracy



Grant Coordinator should be the person responsible for day-to-day activities of the grant



Copy and paste equipment URLs in their entirety

URLs should lead directly to the item, not just the site



When re-doing your application remember to click through each item to populate the cost

Application Hot Tips



No funds will be released to reimburse approved applications until proof of expenditure has been submitted



Proof of expenditure will be submitted through Google folders



Proof of expenditure can include:

Invoice from OSL for items purchased through OSL

Paid invoice or digital receipt from other purchases

PDF scan of original physical receipt

Managing Your Grant

Google Folder Walkthrough

Important Dates



- Application Questions: karen.andrews@olis.ri.gov (including missing passwords)
- Technical Questions: jason.ackermann@olis.ri.gov
- Eligible Expense Questions: chaichin.chen@olis.ri.gov

Questions?