



Welcome and IMLS Updates

Crosby Kemper, Director, and Teri DeVoe, Associate Deputy Director

Grants to States Virtual Conference

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Welcome from Grants to States!



Teri, Michele, Dennis, Madison, Laura



First Things

- All sessions will be recorded
- Please add your state initials to your Zoom name
- Mute your microphone when you aren't speaking to help keep background noise to a minimum
- Use chat to ask questions but limit distracting cross-talk



Overview

- American Rescue Plan Act funds Crosby Kemper, IMLS Director
- ARPA funds, continued! Teri DeVoe



American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds Crosby Kemper, Director

ARPA: Recap of recent communications

- 3/11/2021 email message (from Teresa DeVoe: "ARPA stimulus funds for IMLS Grants to States")
 - Includes allotment table, anticipated award timeline (April)
- 3/18/2021 email message (from Teresa DeVoe: "ARPA spending priorities and next steps")
 - Includes spending priorities
- 3/18/2021 email message to chief officers (from Teresa DeVoe: "ARPA follow-up from yesterday's COSLA meeting")
 - Includes CARES Act approaches across states and a few allowable cost clarifications



ARPA scope

- Same end date as your FY 2021 award (9/30/2022), with a focus on rapid response
- Special provisions include:
 - No Match requirement
 - Spending priorities ("purpose")



ARPA spending priorities

Purpose

To achieve the American Rescue Plan Act's purposes with respect to Grants to States, this funding is to be used by September 30, 2022, in helping communities respond directly and immediately to the pandemic, as well as to related economic and community needs through equitable approaches. Spending priorities are as follows:

- a) First, to enable libraries to reach residents with internet hotspots, accessible Wi-Fi, and other digital inclusion efforts, particularly in support of education, health, and workforce development needs. The following types of data, among others, can inform efforts to reach underserved populations:
 - Poverty/Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
 - Unemployment
 - Broadband availability;
- b) Second, to provide rapid emergency relief to libraries across the country, allowing them to safely respond to the pandemic and implement public health protocols;
- c) Third, to support library services that meet the needs of communities throughout the U.S., including costs such as personnel, technology, training, materials, supplies, equipment, and associated indirect costs; and
- d) With respect to (a), (b), or (c), reach tribal and museum partners best positioned to assist with pandemic response efforts, in addition to traditionally eligible library entities, where appropriate.



ARPA and G2S statutory provisions

- Most G2S statutory provisions still apply:
 - Five-Year Plan, LSTA priorities
 - SLAA-determined eligibility
 - Up to 4% administration (optional)
 - Allowable costs
 - CIPA, non-construction, etc.

G2S statutory provisions RPA

Special ARPA provisions (purpose, waived Match)



ARPA period of performance



FY 2022 2-year award

SPR



ARPA funds in the State Program Report

- Interim Federal Financial Report (FFR) by Dec. 2021
 - Combined funds for FY 2021 and ARPA in designated SPR form, two log numbers in interim FFR
- Projects and Financial Status Report (FSR) by Jan. 2023
 - Combined funds for FY 2021 and ARPA in designated SPR form, two log numbers in FSR
 - ARPA projects titled "ARPA: ..." Start date of 4/2021 or later
 - Maintenance of Effort (MOE) still based on three-year average



ARPA: Wrap-up

- We are happy to talk through individual questions/concerns
- THANK YOU for your tremendous work with communities in this difficult time



Questions?