Welcome from Grants to States!

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Overview

- Brief IMLS updates

- COVID-19: existing and new flexibilities for FY19 and FY20

- CARES Act funds

  - Preliminary plans from States
  - Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA)
  - Connectivity and construction
  - SPR reporting

One year later: IMLS updates

- June 2019: New Deputy Director, Cyndee Landrum

- July 2019: First APP awards for small/rural libraries (APP: Accelerating Promising Practices)

- October 2019: New eGMS system roll-out

- January 2020: New director, Crosby Kemper

- January 2020: First G2S awards under new MSLA (higher base, three Freely Associated States)

- February 2020: SPR migrated to the cloud

- April 2020: $30M in CARES Act awards to G2S

One year later: eGMS

Use eGMS Reach to:

- Manage awards
- Request payments
- Send official grant communications
- Access reporting schedules and previous payment requests

Contacting IMLS: using eGMS or not?

eGMS Reach (record-level activity)	Email, etc. (anything else)
• Equipment requests ($5,000 or over for one item) • Submission of certifications • MOE waiver requests • Payment requests • Any other official requests that require IMLS approval	• Allowable cost questions • SPR contact changes - notify your program officer via email • SPR issues • General feedback or questions for your program officer • Quarterly grant accrual reports still go to LSTA-QRTAccrual@imls.gov • G2S reports still go through SPR

COVID-19

Existing and new flexibilities for FY19 and FY20 funds

COVID-19: Recap of resources

- 4/6/2020 email message (from Teresa DeVoe: "COVID-19 guidance for your open G2S awards")
  - G2S implementation of IMLS website information
- IMLS website: "Information for IMLS grant applicants and awardees"
  - IMLS implementation of Office of Management and Budget (OMB) memo M-20-17
- Your program officer (much is case-by-case)

COVID-19: G2S scope

- Open awards for FY19 (ends 9/30/2020) and FY20 (ends 9/30/2021)
- IMLS website FAQs around COVID-19 are targeted to discretionary awards. Remember:
  - Extensions are rare for G2S
  - You don't need IMLS approval for most* G2S scope/budget changes
  - G2S is not using eGMS change requests

  * Exceptions to be covered in later slides

COVID-19: Existing flexibility in G2S

- You can always make project changes as long as you're adhering to:
  - The Grants to States statute (20 U.S.C. § 9101 et seq.)
  - Your IMLS-approved Five-Year Plan
  - Allowable costs
- Examples:
  - Alternate plans for in-person events
  - Making in-scope changes at the State or subrecipient levels

COVID-19: New flexibility from OMB

- Two new areas that do require prior approval to charge to the award:

  - Unrecoverable costs for grant-funded meetings

  - Salaries and benefits consistent with the recipients' policy of paying salaries (**under unexpected or extraordinary circumstances**) from all funding sources, Federal and non-Federal

- For these types of questions, contact your program officer – IMLS needs to document these

- OMB has offered this flexibility to IMLS for 90 days (**through mid June**)

COVID-19: Ask now for new flexibility

- OMB has offered this new flexibility to IMLS for 90 days (**through mid June**). If you or subrecipients anticipate needing this flexibility, please ask soon!

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June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

COVID-19: Wrap-up

- We are always happy to hear your questions, and help you think through options

- Most scenarios are case-by-case

- If you cannot pivot and do need to request an extension for FY19, it will need formal approval; contact us before September 2020

CARES Act funds

CARES Act: Recap of resources

- 4/13/2020 email message (from Teresa DeVoe: "IMLS CARES Act funds for Grants to States")

- eGMS materials in your Documents tab
  - Notice of Action (award)
  - Decision Letter accompanying award (also sent via email 4/21/2020: "Official Award Notification for FY 2020 CARES Act Grant LS...")

- Your program officer

CARES Act: Scope

- Same end date as your FY20 award (9/30/2021)
- Special provisions include:
  - No Match requirement
  - Spending priorities ("purpose")
- Apart from CARES Act special provisions, existing G2S statutory provisions apply:
  - Five-Year Plans
  - Certifications and Assurances (including CIPA)
  - IMLS guidance (allowable costs, 4% administration, etc.)

CARES Act: Purpose
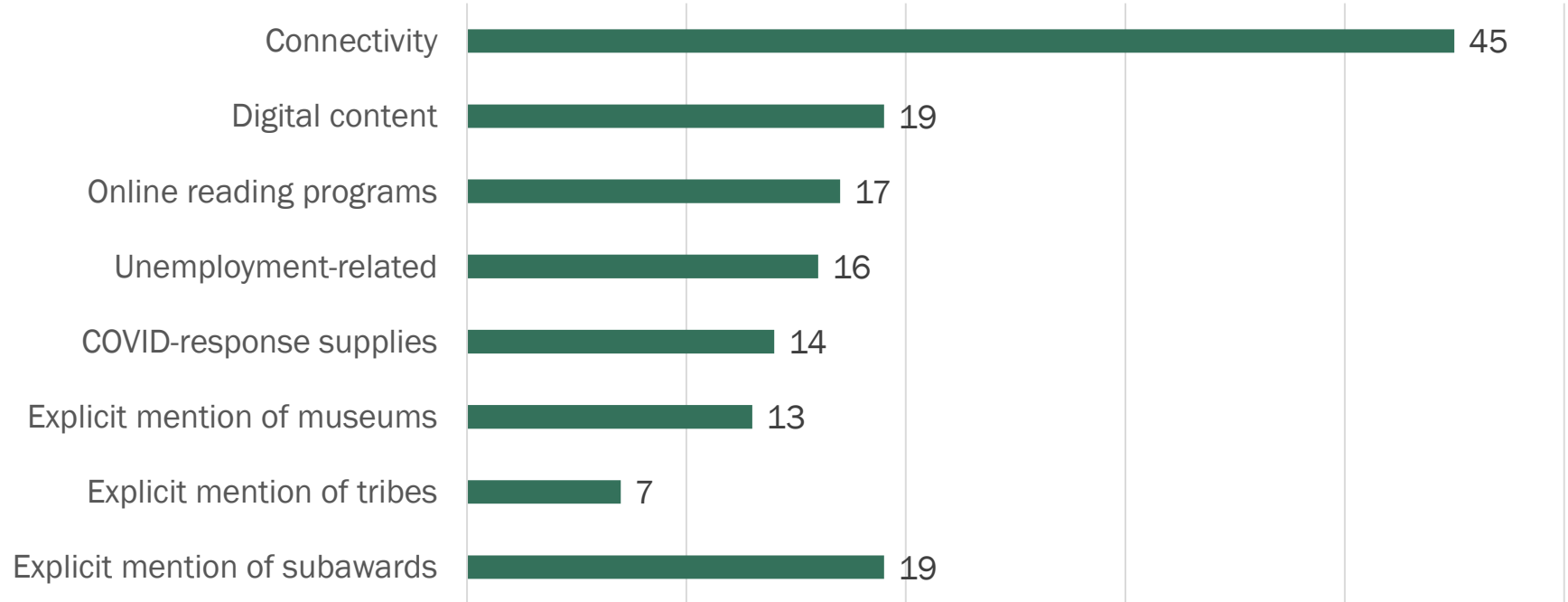
Public Law 116-136 Purpose:

- To prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, including
- To expand digital network access, purchase internet accessible devices, and provide technical support services

Funding to be used as follows:

1. Primarily to address digital inclusion and related technical support, using the following types of data to inform targeted efforts:

   - Poverty/Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
   - Unemployment
   - Broadband availability;

2. Secondarily to address other efforts that prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19; and

3. With respect to (1) or (2), reach museum and tribal partners, in addition to traditionally eligible library entities, where appropriate.

CARES Act: Tentative plans from States (as of 5/5)

N=55 (States and Territories)

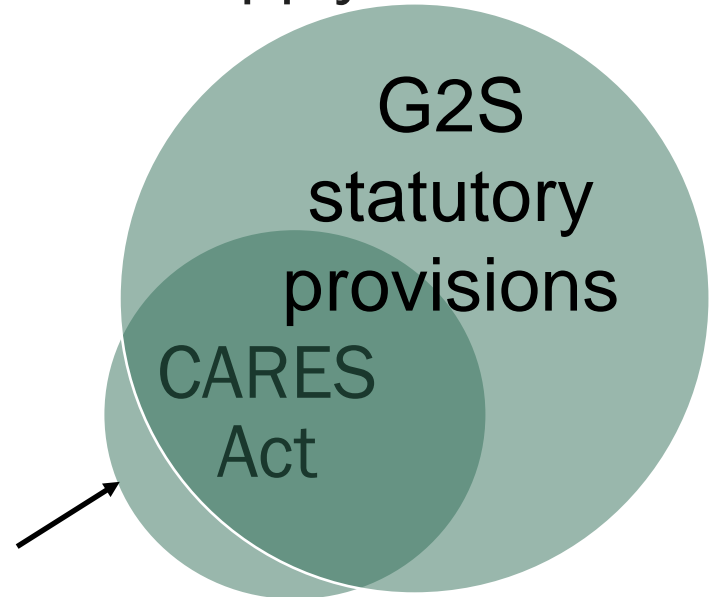| Category	Value
Connectivity	45
Digital content	19
Online reading programs	17
Unemployment-related	16
COVID-response supplies	14
Explicit mention of museums	13
Explicit mention of tribes	7
Explicit mention of subawards	19

CARES Act: Examples from tentative plans

- **Connectivity:** hotspots, devices with data plans, WiFi extenders and repeaters, equipment upgrades

- **Digital content:** eBooks, audiobooks, databases

- **Unemployment related:** online unemployment resources, assistance with job searches, training librarians to assist in unemployment

- **COVID-response supplies:** disinfectant sprays and wipes, masks, gloves, sneeze guards for desks, keyboard covers

- **Explicit mention of museums:** summer learning virtual programming support (partnering with museums, if possible)

- **Explicit mention of tribes:** targeted grants to the four tribal college libraries in the state

- **Explicit mention of subawards:** grants of $250 to $1,000 for public libraries to help address digital inclusion needs

CARES Act and G2S statutory provisions

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

G2S statutory provisions

CARES Act

Special CARES Act provisions (purpose, waived Match)
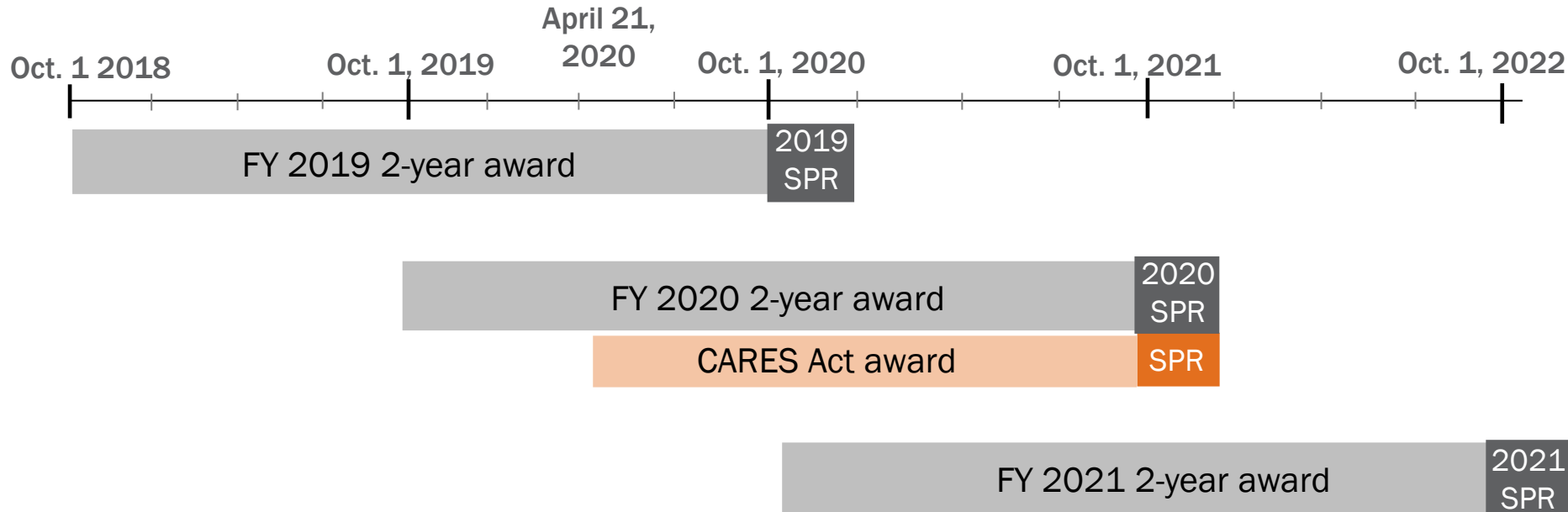
CARES Act: Existing provisions - CIPA

- Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA)
  - Continues to apply because SLAAs are subject to it
  - Libraries receiving E-rate funds are already subject to CIPA
  - For other libraries, SLAA needs to ensure compliance (recipient library should have an Internet safety policy in place for its devices)

CARES Act: Connectivity and construction

- Construction is unallowable under G2S statutory provisions, which extends to Match funds

- This includes broadband infrastructure projects that require construction equipment, trenching, construction-related trades etc. ("last mile" projects and similar)

- Proceed with caution

CARES Act and G2S: period of performance

CARES Act: SPR reporting - interim

- Interim Federal Financial Report (FFR) by Dec. 2020
  - Combined funds for FY20 and CARES Act, two log numbers
  - Reported through the SPR

INTERIM FEDERAL FINANCIAL REPORT

Federal Agency and Organizational Element to Which Report is Submitted: Institute of Museum and Library Services	Federal Grant or Other Identifying Number Assigned by Federal Agency: LS-246138-OLS-20, LS-246494-OLS-20
Recipient Organization (Name and complete address including Zip code):	

CARES Act: SPR reporting - final

- SPR CARES Act projects titled "CARES Act: …"

- Start date of 4/21/2020 or later

System Code	State Code	Title	Grantee	LSTA
	x		x	x	x
2020-ZT-82742		Early Literacy Initiatives	Ztest Public Library	55000
2020-ZT-82743		Library Training Institute	Ztest University Library	23000
2020-ZT-82744		CARES Act: Parking Lot Wifi	Ztest Public Library	3400
2020-ZT-82745		CARES Act: Online Summer	ZT Public Library 3.6	5000

General Information

Title: *   CARES Act: Parking Lot W

State Project Code: ℹ

Start Date: *   04/21/2020

End Date: *   09/18/2020

CARES Act: SPR reporting - final (financial)

- Financial Status Report (FSR) by Dec. 2021

  - Combined funds for FY20 and CARES Act, two log numbers

- Report CARES Act projects separately, if possible, but if a project uses both FY20 LSTA and CARES Act funds, differentiate them in the budget narrative

Supplies/Materials

| 3400.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | $3,400.00 |

Description

12 WiFi extenders with CARES Act funds = $3,200
FY20 LSTA funds used for the balance of the purchase = $200

CARES Act: SPR summary

- Interim FFR by Dec. 2020
  - Combined funds for FY20 and CARES Act in SPR, two log numbers

- Projects and FSR by Dec. 2021
  - Combined funds for FY20 and CARES Act in SPR, two log numbers
  - CARES Act projects titled "CARES Act: ..." Start date of 4/21/20 or later
  - Maintenance of Effort (MOE) still based on three-year average

CARES Act: Wrap-up

- We are happy to talk through individual questions/concerns

- THANK YOU for all that you do, especially now

Questions?