American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA)

Wisconsin Libraries

$3,270,854 available

Grant Categories - competitive

Library as Center for Community Resilience $700,000 available

Hybrid Service Model $700,000 available

Library Space Improvement $700,000 available

Can’t fund construction

Grant Categories – non-competitive

IT Hardware Improvements and Upgrades

Can build out infrastructure; fire walls, routers

Continuing Education – *Collaborative Support Model for Public Library Management & Staff*

$150,000 Jan-June 2022

$150,000 July-December 2022

Each competitive grant awarded will range from $50,000- $200,000 each.

Systems will do most of the applying since awards are so large but there will be some smaller ones for individual libraries. Systems will apply and then allocate to libraries for their participation in joint projects.

DPI will post information next week on blogs, list serves and send to system directors.

Pre-application form (still in draft form) will contain 6 questions on the topics listed below in addition to contact information

1. Abstract
2. Staff Support
3. IMLS Priorities
4. Equity – Reach historically underserved populations and/or those disproportionately affected by the pandemic
5. Sustainability of model in future
6. Project Reach – impact on region and/or state

Each answer will be assigned points for grading and awarding of money

SAM account or Duns number will work for ARPA grant now.

SAM account is needed to apply for competitive grants after April 2, 2022.

Timeline

Mid-September 2021- Open for pre-application with applications due 1 month after posting

Mid- October 2021 - Deadline for pre-application applications

Mid-November - Open official application through WISE grant portal for folks whose pre-applications were accepted. Official application will require more detailed contact information and budget details. Training on applying through WISE grant portal will be made available.

Late-November 2021 – Award notices sent out by DPI

June 30, 2022 – Grant deadline

August 15, 2022 – Final reports and claims due