3.

SCLS 2022 Budget includes $100,000 for direct benefit to members. We can use it separately or combine with an ARPA project. Thoughts?

4.

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

5.

IDEAS

1. Tagging materials for libraries that aren’t tagged (Delivery project)
2. RFID tags
3. RFID tagging stations for libraries that don’t have them
4. Self-checks new or replace older Bibliotecka models
5. Envisionware maintenance for one to two years
6. Envisionware lockers
7. Movie licenses for all libraries
8. Internal and external wireless access points
9. Sorter for Delivery pilot project
10. System wide Databases
	1. Gale courses
	2. Kanopy
	3. Hoopla $131,000 - $184,000 5-10 circ limit
11. Library Aware ($30,000)
12. Hearing loops
13. Banners for each county to promote libraries
14. Purchase books for one of the community reads
15. Book group kits
16. Rotating lucky day collections
17. Community Read
18. Mail blast to rural users about community resiliency and free library cards
19. Library vehicle with mobile wifi and deliveries (county wide application)
20. Delivery carts for libraries
21. Extend Bean stack
22. Creative Bug
23. Plumbing fixtures to touchless
24. Wireless printing
25. Interactive white boards for meeting rooms
26. A supply of Library cards for each library
27. Hybrid meeting equipment
28. Library bikes – outreach vehicle
29. Joint hybrid meeting spaces with technology
30. Group Zoom mics and speakers – easy to set up
31. Outdoor programming equipment, inflatable screens etc
32. Mobile standing desks
33. Equipment meeting room scheduling software for all libraries (individual)
34. Zoom licenses
35. LCD screens
36. Permanent pleasing Plexiglas barriers
37. Interior message boards (digital videos)
38. Changing switches, paper towels etc to touchless
39. AWE learning units
40. More maker kits: spinning wheels,
41. COVID self-test kits
42. Dolly Parton Imagination Library
43. Mobile Microsoft instructor (technology)
44. Hot spots – need to be an E-Rate library
45. Prefer “stuff” over databases - sustainability issue beyond grant timeline\*\*\*
46. Playaways, **VOX books (digital audio books),** launch pads
47. USB charging stations with multiple types
48. Envisionware tablet station – charges units too