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## ARPA Grants: Three Weeks Left to Apply



With three weeks remaining to apply, we're nearing 100 libraries that have been approved for up to \$5,000 grants for projects to benefit their communities!

Contact your [District Consultant](#) to discuss potential ARPA Grant projects for your library.

### ARPA Grants Count

**Total Grant Applications Approved: 97**

**Approved Applications by District:**

NW	NC	NE	SW	CE	SE
16	9	27	14	18	13

### IMLS Guidance on Furniture

IMLS recently provided additional guidance on furniture as an allowable expense. Any ARPA Grants will not be approved for furniture unless they are tied to an overall project in providing a response to the pandemic. For instance, purchasing furniture to create a new outdoor gathering space at the library **will** be allowed because the nature of the project is tied to the pandemic response and meeting a need for outdoor areas to gather safely. Applying for an ARPA Grant to replace cloth upholstered furniture with vinyl or to purchase a new staff desk to replace a damaged one **will not** be approved because the items are not tied to a new community need created by the pandemic.

**Questions on allowable expenses?** Contact [Nancy Medema](#).

### Q: When can I start purchasing my ARPA Grant items?

Once you've submitted your application, you will be notified if your grant has been approved and will receive both a grant award letter and a Grant Agreement. The Grant Agreement must be digitally signed by the library director, then returned to the State Library following the instructions. The Agreement will be reviewed once

more and signed by Library Program Nancy Medema and State Librarian Michael Scott; then it will be considered final and returned to the library. **Only once the Grant Agreement is signed by all parties and received back at the library can the purchasing of grant items begin.** All invoices, receipts, shipping notices, etc. must be dated between the date on the signed Grant Agreement and January 31, 2022.

**Ready to complete an application for an ARPA Grant?**

[ARPA Grant Application](#)

**Need more information or want to preview the grant application?**

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