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Dear Library Community,

Today we plan to announce the recipients of \$15.9 million dollars in competitive grant monies to 14 public libraries in Vermont with funding from the U.S. Department of the Treasury through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

We're reaching out to you first to thank you for your patience with this complex process involving multiple departments and agencies of the state and our federal funders. This is the first time in at least two decades that the Department has successfully pursued, secured, and awarded capital grant funding for public libraries and it has been a learning opportunity for all of us.

These grants were awarded following a highly competitive grant process open to all public libraries in Vermont. Funds will be issued to public libraries in 11 counties and to libraries located in small villages to larger towns.

We acknowledge and appreciate the work and time grant applicants put into applying for these funds. These one-time, substantial grants will address critical building improvements that ensure Vermonters in these communities have continued access to high-speed internet for the purposes of work, education, and health monitoring at their local public libraries.

The need for maintenance, repairs, and modernization in public library buildings throughout Vermont remains high and the Department will continue to seek sustained opportunities for funding capital projects for Vermont's public library building infrastructure.

U.S. Treasury Capital Projects Fund for Libraries Grant Recipients:

Library: Alice M. Ward Memorial Library  
City: Canaan  
County: Essex  
Award: \$900,000  
Project: Interior renovations for ADA compliance and improved patron centered useability; new HVAC system, new windows

Library: Arvin A. Brown Public Library  
City: Richford  
County: Franklin  
Award: \$174,502  
Project: Renovations to increase useable library space, new HVAC system, electrical

system updates, new windows, and interior renovations for ADA compliance

Library: Bennington Free Library

City: Bennington

County: Bennington

Award: \$1,500,000

Project: Building envelope repairs with new windows and insulation, new HVAC system with electrical system updates

Library: Brandon Free Public Library Inc.

City: Brandon

County: Rutland

Award: \$1,406,936

Project: Installation of four-story elevator with renovations and improvements for ADA compliance, repair or replace windows for energy efficiency

Library: Brooks Memorial Library

City: Brattleboro

County: Windham

Award: \$1,472,501

Project: Asbestos abatement and building envelope repairs with interior and exterior renovations for ADA compliance

Library: Grand Isle Free Library

City: Grand Isle

County: Grand Isle

Award: \$1,500,000

Project: New library building construction

Library: Groton Free Public Library

City: Groton

County: Caledonia

Award: \$522,043

Project: Building expansion and envelope repairs with renovations for ADA compliance, new HVAC system

Library: Jeudevine Memorial Library

City: Hardwick

County: Caledonia

Award: \$725,000

Project: Library expansion with two-story addition, four ADA compliant bathrooms, HVAC plumbing and electrical updates

Library: Johnson Public Library

City: Johnson

County: Lamoille

Award: \$1,500,000

Project: Relocate building away from flood zone with new mechanical, electrical, and

plumbing systems. Construct an addition to existing building. Renovations to egresses for ADA compliance

Library: Lawrence Memorial Library

City: Bristol

County: Addison

Award: \$483,000

Project: New HVAC system, building envelope repairs for structural integrity, electrical and mechanical system updates

Library: Leach Public Library

City: Irasburg

County: Orleans

Award: \$1,082,750

Project: Library expansion with two-story addition, new elevator, ADA compliant bathroom, and new HVAC system

Library: Middletown Springs Public Library

City: Middletown Springs

County: Rutland

Award: \$1,293,384

Project: Renovate and upgrade library building infrastructure at new library site

Library: Salisbury Free Public Library

City: Salisbury

County: Addison

Award: \$978,807

Project: Repair or replace HVAC system, new plumbing system, potable water, interior and exterior renovations for ADA compliance

Library: Wilder Memorial Library

City: Weston

County: Windsor

Award: \$650,000

Project: Building expansion and envelope repairs, new HVAC and plumbing systems, electrical system updates, and new ADA compliant bathroom

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Congratulations to all grant recipients!  
Catherine

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