

ARPA School Library/Media Center Grant

Purpose:

ARPA funds intended to help K12 libraries rebound from any negative effects of distant learning during the Covid-19 pandemic are administered in southwest Minnesota by Prairielands Library Exchange, a multitype library established by Minnesota statute 134.351. The Prairielands Governing Board chooses to supplement these funds from reserves to help K12 libraries 1) replace the excessive number of items lost, and 2) enhance the number of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) items in their collections. Funds left over after these areas are addressed may be used for general collection development.

Program:

K12 libraries that are members of Prairielands may apply for up to \$500 toward purchasing materials for their collections. 20% of the funds (\$100) must be spent on DEI materials. 80% (\$400) of the funds must be spent on replacing lost items and other collection development needs.

An eligible expense under this grant might include books, DVDs, CDs, books on tape.

Paid receipts will be required. Check with Prairielands for expenses that differ from these examples.

Participant Requirements:

Libraries receiving grants will be required to submit a list of items purchased with DEI materials marked.

This list **MUST** be submitted for each library regardless of combined/cooperative collection development. Reimbursement request will **NOT** be processed by Prairielands until the list of items purchased has been received.

Grant Process:

Complete an online application at www.prairielands.org/grants no later than November 30, 2021.

Prairielands will send notification of approval of funding with a Request for Reimbursement form.

Request for reimbursement must include:

Completed **Request for Reimbursement form**

Paid **receipts** (copies accepted)

List of items purchased with DEI materials marked

Note: Checks can only be written to a library or organized library group, **not to an individual.**

Request for Reimbursement and Evaluation are due to Prairielands by **July 15, 2022.**