Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) Grants
Awarded July 2020

Barry-Lawrence Regional Library - $25,066
This project will implement a hotspot-lending program to patrons and obtain/improve technology for the library to provide higher quality online programming.

Bollinger County Library - $12,496
Bollinger County Library will partner with a museum to: 1) provide online reading and story hour activities and offer online science and art mini lessons; 2) fifteen community hotspots will be created in the county; and 3) cleaning supplies will be obtained to help combat the spread of COVID-19.

Boonslick Regional Library - $22,617
Boonslick Regional Library will implement two new services: a hotspot-lending program, and BRLMOBILE2GO, which places a hotspot in a library vehicle that will stop at twelve different locations throughout the three-county library district each month for approximately half a day.

Caruthersville Public Library - $8,540
Caruthersville Public Library will integrate a self-check station with reader advisory software to give patrons independent access to the library's collection. Additionally, Chromebooks are sought for use by Board Members to hold meetings safely during the pandemic.

Cedar County Library - $4,774
The Library will install self-check stations at both of its branches, giving patrons greater independent access to the library's collection through a no-contact solution.

De Soto Public Library - $11,573
De Soto Public Library will add thirteen hotspots for patron circulation; install an outdoor weatherproof wireless access point for broadband connectivity that extends to the library's property line; and redesign the library's website so it is more usable and useful to patrons.

Jefferson County Library - $8,962
Jefferson County Library will add 55 hotspots to the library's hotspot-lending program for patron use.

Joplin Public Library - $30,000
This project will strengthen the library's technology infrastructure by adding 40 mobile hotspots that will circulate to patron, and the installation of a wireless access point extender so Internet access extends to the library's property line. It also replaces cloth backpacks with clear, easily cleanable backpacks for circulating kits, and purchases cleaning and safety supplies to help mitigate the risk of exposure to COVID-19 at the library.

Missouri River Regional Library - $27,031
Missouri River Regional Library will install a 24-unit remote multipurpose locker system at a facility on the west end of Jefferson City. The system creates a convenient, contactless service delivery option for the Cole County community.

Neosho/Newton County Library - $19,922
The Neosho/Newton County Library website will be redesigned and a self-checkout station will be added at the Neosho branch.

Oregon County Library - $2,932
Oregon County Library purchased five automatic touchless hand sanitizer dispensers, hand sanitizer, and disinfectant wipes to help lessen the spread of Coronavirus at all five branches of the Oregon County Library District.

Saint Joseph Public Library - $16,051
This project will implement a hotspot-lending program for patrons of the library.

Scotland County Library - $3,320
Scotland County Library will: 1) replace the network's aging security appliance to provide a reliable and stable wireless network that extends to the library's property line; 2) redesign the library's website so it is more user-friendly and useful; and 3) purchase additional eBooks to better meet demand.

Sedalia Public Library - $6,564
The Library will purchase eight CIPA-compliant hotspots for checkout to patrons so they can have a reliable online connection outside the library to search for jobs and unemployment benefits.

Springfield-Greene County Library - $50,000
Springfield-Greene County Library will add 20 hotspots for checkout to patrons and approximately 794 eBook and eAudio titles to better meet patron demand.

University City Public Library - $17,728
The "Chromebooks and Hotspots for Lending" project will purchase 25 laptops and 30 hotspots for patrons in-home use.

Webster Groves Public Library - $17,123
Webster Groves Public Library will provide access to 3,500 eMagazines for patrons both of this library and the Municipal Library Consortium member libraries.

Adair County Library - $3,906
Adair County Library will add wireless access points so internet access connectivity extends to the library's property line. It will also replace three switches with a single switch to improve the library's technology infrastructure.

Cape Girardeau Public Library - $18,000
This project will prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19 through the installation of a book locker system in the southern portion of Cape Girardeau.

Centralia Public Library - $11,974
This project addresses digital inclusion through the implementation of a hotspot-lending program and an increase in the library's eBook collections.

Daniel Boone Regional Library - $50,000
In response to COVID-19, this project will upgrade the Library's self-check stations and mobile hotspots, as well as provide additional hotspots for circulation to patrons.

Kirkwood Public Library - $18,000
This project increases the number of circulating hotspots and laptops to patrons, focusing first on senior facilities; replaces desktop with laptop computers so staff can more easily work from home; and adds tablets for staff use in video production and recording.

Little Dixie Regional Libraries - $18,000
The "Bringing Hot Spots to Little Dixie Patrons!" project addresses digital inclusion and broadband availability issues by implementing a hotspot-lending program.

Mid-Continent Public Library - $49,782
Mid-Continent Public Library will install wireless access points to every branch in the system to improve wireless accessibility to the library's property line at each location.

Montgomery City Public Library - $9,935
Through this project, the Library will be able to extend broadband connectivity to the library's property line. They will purchase equipment that will enable the library to provide outdoor programs. Finally, to decrease the chance of spreading COVID-19, a tabletop self-check machine will be installed to provide contactless circulation services.

Nevada Public Library - $11,654
This proposal responds to COVID-19 health and safety concerns in a variety of ways. 1) A Chromebook-lending program for patrons to use in the library will be implemented. 2) A hotspot-lending program for patrons to use at home will be implemented. 3) Wireless access to the Internet will be available in the library. 4) A hotspot will be dedicated for use by library staff to provide pop-up library programs. 5) Equipment will be purchased to facilitate videoconferencing. And finally, 6) Personal protection equipment for staff use will be obtained to slow the spread of COVID-19.

Polk County Library - $14,532
This project will reinstate and expand the Library's hotspot-lending program to address digital inclusion issues.

Poplar Bluff Municipal Library - $18,000
This project will install a material holds locker in the lobby of a new branch of this library to expand the Library's contactless services.

Ralls County Library - $1,732
Digital inclusion issues will be addressed through the implementation of a laptop-lending program.

Reynolds County Library - $11,465
The purpose of this project is to redesign the library's website so it is more user-friendly and useful, and to implement wireless Internet access with firewall protection, for patron use at four of the library buildings in the district. Access will be able to be extended to the property line of the library.

Richmond Heights Memorial Library - $12,000
The Library is responding to COVID-19 health and safety concerns by adding content to the library's e-media collection. These resources will also be shared with the other member libraries in the Municipal Library Consortium.

Saint Clair County Library - $12,000
The Library will address digital inclusion issues by implementing a hotspot-lending program and increasing the number of eResources available through the library.

St. Louis County Library - $50,000
This project will outfit the Library's bookmobiles with Wi-Fi access for patrons, with connectivity for up to 248 users per device. Chromebooks will be available for patrons to use at bookmobile stops. Routers will be added to branches in the northern part of the county to boost Wi-Fi signals to the library's property line.

Washington Public Library - $11,344
A hotspot-lending program for patrons will be implemented to address digital inclusion and a self-check station replaced to improve contactless services at the library.

Barton County Library - $11,873
In response to COVID-19, Barton County Library will implement a hotspot and laptop-lending program, add eMaterials to its Overdrive collection, and upgrade its online meeting software. Additionally, the library will replace a network switch that is near obsolescence in one of its branches.

Bethany Public Library - $2,231
Bethany Public Library will purchase three laptop computers, replacing two desktop computers. The laptops will be easy to place in different locations throughout the building to facilitate physical distancing.

Brentwood Public Library - $5,655
Brentwood Public Library will help slow the spread of the coronavirus through the replacement of two self-check stations.

Carrollton Public Library - $9,292
Carrollton Public Library will use CARES Act funds to hire additional staff to fulfill additional responsibilities on the weekend for cleaning and sanitization purposes; provide laptops for staff to use in implementing virtual storytimes and other activities; redesign the Library's website so it is more useful and user-friendly; and implement a hotspot and tablet lending program for patrons.

Carter County Library – $11,827
The purpose of this grant proposal from Carter County Library is to address digital inclusion by providing hot spots and a signal booster for patrons without home internet access due to cost, provide an online catalog to make the library's holdings more accessible, and to purchase cleaning supplies and masks to help keep patrons and staff healthy.

Cass County Library - $18,787
Cass County Public Library will improve digital access for patrons by replacing routers at the larger libraries to enable Wi-Fi access to extend to the parking lot. Laptops will be purchased for patrons to checkout in-library, as the number of desktop computers available was reduced to facilitate physical distancing. To help reduce the spread of COVID-10, self-check will be implemented at each branch.

Christian County Library - $29,387
Through its Project D.I.V.E (Digital Inclusion through Virtual Engagement) proposal, Christian County Library will expand the strength and speed of its Wi-Fi signal at the Ozark branch, double the number of hotspots available to patrons for checkout, obtain technology to improve virtual programs, and obtain technology for staff to use for virtual and remote work. This project is recommended for partial funding.

Dade County Library - $12,000
To address COVID-19 health and safety concerns, Dade County Library will expand its eMaterials, install library lockers and drop boxes in two of the larger communities in the county, extend wireless access to the library's property line, and add a mobile hotspot-lending program for patrons.

Dulany Memorial Library - $5,277
Dulany Memorial Library will replace a malfunctioning circulation computer and implement a hotspot-lending program.

Ferguson Memorial Public Library - $7,590
Ferguson Municipal Public Library will implement a hotspot-lending program and social distancing in response to COVID-19.

James Memorial Library - $6,942
James Memorial Library will respond to COVID-19 by replacing its router and switch, adding Wi-Fi boosters so Wi-Fi can extend to the library's property line, implement a hotspot and Chromebook lending program, upgrade the library's website, add technology and software to improve its virtual storytime offerings, and add a laptop for staff use to provide a more flexible workspace.

Kansas City Public Library - $50,000
This project resources Kansas City Public Library's new CARES Connect Program. Four mobile device labs will be used to bring technology and internet capabilities to patrons in the communities. The Library will partner with community social services agencies serving individuals impacted by COVID-19 to increase public access to services and support through the mobile labs. The labs will also assist library staff in providing vital services such as benefit enrollment, education support, and job search via pop-up programming in a safe, physically-distanced environment.

Mexico-Audrain County Library - $10,728
In response to COVI-19, Mexico-Audrain County Library seeks to purchase equipment to improve its virtual storytimes, webcams and headsets to facilitate remote staff meetings and programs for the public, update network equipment to provider faster internet connectivity, self-check stations and software for contactless checkout.

Mountain View Public Library - $1,610
Mountain View Public Library will purchase technology and resources so that it can provide interactive storytimes for early learners. Storytimes will be held at the library, adhering to physical distancing guidance, and recorded for posting on the Library's Facebook page and website.

Pulaski County Library - $18,606
Pulaski County Library will address digital equity and COVID-19 health and safety concerns by implementing a hotspot-lending program, adding touchless, mobile checkout, and adding eBooks and eAudiobooks that are in high demand.

Ray County Library - $1,605
Ray County Library will implement a hotspot-lending program to help address the digital divide.

Rock Hill Public Library - $8,531
Rock Hill Public Library will purchase laptops and Chromebooks, initially for in-library use, to facilitate physical distancing. Eventually, the items may be available to patrons for circulation outside the library.

Rolla Public Library - $14,320
To address digital inclusion, Rolla Public Library will redesign its website, implement a hotspot-lending program, and purchase additional eBooks.

Scenic Regional Library - $14,817
Scenic Regional Library will implement a hotspot-lending program to help address digital inequity.

Schuyler County Library - $638
Schuyler County Library will use grant funds to purchase cleaning supplies, hand sanitizer, masks and gloves for use by patrons and staff.

St. Charles City-County Library - $50,000
To help reduce the spread of the coronavirus, St. Charles City-County Library will install a 24-hour contactless holds kiosk at two of its branches.

Stone County Library - $18,000
Stone County Library will install a holds kiosk in the Reeds Spring City Hall to better serve an at-risk community in the county.

Texas County Library - $3,339
Texas County Library will use grant funds to purchase masks and hand sanitizer for patron and staff safety. They will also purchase craft items to create grab-n-go bags for summer library program participants, ages 3-12.

Trails Regional Library - $12,348
Trails Regional Library will address digital inclusion by implementing a hotspot-lending program. The new devices will be used to complement the job skills programming Trails Regional Library will offer, which was funded through a Public Library Association Grow with Google grant.

Wright County Library - $1,314
Wright County Library will implement wireless printing, making it easier and quicker for patrons to print from personal devices.

St. Louis Public Library - $26,598
St. Louis Public Library will expand its Home Hotspot program by adding 65 hotspots with data plans.