Pandemic Recovery
The goal of the grant program was to support Georgia public libraries as they transitioned to a hybrid service model of both in-person and virtual services.

ARPA Tech
Technology projects that supported COVID-19 relief and recovery, including hardware and software.

Azalea Regional Library System
"We were able to secure library budget increases from our local funding agencies in no small part due to the positive feedback city councils and county commissioners heard from their constituents about our Technology Lending Program."

Arpa Tech
- 3 grant types
- 139 subgrants awarded
- 3 mil in funding spent
- 60 library systems funded

Digital Inclusion
Projects for library services that support COVID-19 relief and recovery with a focus on outreach and virtual learning and programming.

Flint River Regional Library System
"At the one event held with the vehicle in attendance, it attracted a lot of attention and the library manager reported higher than average numbers of people coming over to see the vehicle and staying to start cards, renew cards and find out about library programs."

OUTREACH 59%
VEHICLES 41%
Direct-to-vendor allocation or subgrants to libraries for purchasing eBooks and audiobooks for COVID-19 relief and recovery.

1M spent
30K copies
455K uses

Ohoopee Regional Library System

“We were so impressed by the increase in usage and the number of patrons who adopted the digital platform that we decided to allocate a portion of our local materials money to continue purchasing a percentage of digital books and audio each month.”

Public library systems were surveyed for IMLS outcomes and satisfaction with support received from GPLS.

Middle Georgia Regional Library

“Thank you IMLS & GPLS for your continuous support and grants. We are able to serve our communities and underserved patrons with the most up-to-date technology, and bridge the digital gap that the recent pandemic has caused.”

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