

# State Grants to Libraries & COVID-19

\$3,000,000 was distributed to 318 public, school, academic, and institutional libraries.  
Grantees received a minimum of \$4,500 each.

**1/3** of grantees reported COVID-19 directly impacting their use of 2019-2020 funds.

**This year, the grant met a need we never even thought of – informing and entertaining people stuck in their homes during a pandemic.**

*- Lamar Public Library*

Because of decreased funding in our district, we were going to cut databases and e-books entirely. The State Grant to Libraries allowed us to continue to fund these two resources just in time for COVID-19 to change everything. Our public school relied on the databases to supplement their online teaching and patrons turned to our e-books collection.

*- La Veta Regional Library District*

The State Grant to Libraries provides essential funding to purchase databases for our district. These databases were critical during remote learning in spring 2020 and allowed uninterrupted access to learning content from home.

*- Windsor RE-4*

The funding really helped us shift our focus to remote instruction so we are prepared to meet the community's needs regardless of the status of the pandemic. Thank you very much for providing these funds to support these students and their diverse needs.

*- Colorado School for the Deaf and the Blind*

The recent COVID-19 pandemic closed our facilities and drastically shifted the needs of our community. We redirected grant funds to purchase electronic resources as well as a selection of career and personal finance print materials. Thanks to these funds, we were able to pivot and offer more extensive resources to support our community during an economic crisis.

*- Westminster Public Library*

With the closure due to COVID-19, an increased demand was placed on virtual resources. The State Grant helped keep hold ratios steady for e-book and e-audiobook titles during this time, providing much needed access to information and entertainment.

*- Pikes Peak Library District*

The grant allowed the library to make a critical purchase of Chromebooks during the beginning of the COVID-19 crisis. This grant, and the flexibility within, allowed the library to meet the accessibility needs of our students.

*- Colorado Community Colleges Online*

While we had been planning on purchasing additional hotspots and devices for our community with these funds anyway, it has been all the more beneficial to help connect families during the COVID-19 pandemic.

*- Clear Creek County Library District*

Database subscriptions found tremendous use since the start of COVID-19 with an increase of approximately 90%. We anticipate continued demand and usage of databases as our district expands blended learning to support remote and hybrid formats, directly impacting the learning experience for thousands of students.

*- Jefferson County R-1*

We created Storytime Kits that were made available during our library's closure due to COVID-19. It was a great way to help our patrons continue their literacy practice at home. These kits would not have been possible without the funding from the State Grants.

*- San Miguel Library District #1/Telluride*

During the COVID-19 lockdown, the availability of quality online resources was a huge asset. Library patrons continued to feel connected to opportunities for learning, research, and entertainment. For many, the fact that these resources were free was a huge benefit. Thank you for this opportunity to develop much needed resources for our community.

*- Summit County Library*

**The large expenditures on e-books and interactive audio books were a key factor in our library's ability to support student learning at home due to COVID-19.**

*- Ellicott 22*