



Program Description

Responding to the emergent community needs identified by Texas libraries in the areas of access to health information, resources, and services, the **Texas Telehealth Grant Program** funds awarded libraries with the equipment and resources needed to facilitate a telehealth project at their library facilities. Library telehealth projects use Internet networks and computers to help facilitate visits between health care providers and library patrons when they can't be in the same place at the same time.

Telehealth, utilizing now more widely available videoconferencing technology, enables community members to receive healthcare quicker and more affordably. It addresses obstacles and burdens posed by geography, transportation, and other mobility issues.

The COVID-19 pandemic has dramatically increased the need for this service, as has the rapid closing of rural hospitals, continued lack of transportation options in rural areas, and insufficient broadband access in many residents' homes. This reimbursement grant program will fund operating expenditures such as library supplies and materials, technology, furniture, and contractual services. To be eligible, grant expenses must be reasonable and in accordance with appropriate state or local operating policies and procedures. Further, all grant expenses must be designed to facilitate telehealth at library facilities.

Name of Library

Project Manager

Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

Name of Legal Entity

DUNS # _____

Grant Proposal:

- I. **Needs Assessment** (50 points): Provide details about the community you serve, including information about vulnerable community members. Describe identified community needs related to health outcomes, Internet access, or transportation that could be addressed by a library telehealth project. *(Please limit answer to 5000 characters, including spaces.)*

2. **Project Purpose** (25 points): Describe the specific telehealth project you are planning and how it can meet the needs of vulnerable community members described in the response to question 1. Describe why this project is a good fit for your community. Describe the library space where the project will be located. *(Please limit answer to 5000 characters, including spaces.)*

3. **Sustainability** (20 points): Provide details about the support you will have to implement and maintain this project. Describe the financial and managerial resources that will be used to support the telehealth project beyond the end of the grant. Describe the library's existing and potential partnerships that would support this project. Describe how this project aligns with the library's mission. (*Please limit answer to 5000 characters, including spaces.*)

4. **Personnel** (5 points): Identify who will attend the training and participate in the library telehealth project. Describe why they are a good fit for this project. (*Please limit answer to 5000 characters, including spaces.*)

CERTIFICATION: I certify, to the best of my ability, that the statements made in this application are true, that the information provided is correct, and that I am authorized to enter into legally binding commitments on behalf of the applicant organization.

Name & Title	Signature	Date
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This application must be signed by someone legally permitted to enter into binding legal contracts on behalf of the library and will serve as the required grant application certification form. A complete application packet will contain this application and a completed CIPA form.

By email, please send attention: Texas Telehealth Grant Program to grants@tsl.texas.gov or mail to:

Texas Telehealth Grant Program
Texas State Library and Archives Commission
Library Development & Networking Division
PO Box 12927
Austin, TX 78701

**Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA)
Certification for Federally Funded
Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC)
Competitive Grants**

(September 1, 2021 - August 31, 2022)

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant/subrecipient, I hereby certify that the following is true for the proposed project submitted under the _____ grant program*:

(Select only one of the following options):

- The applicant/subrecipient public library has complied with the requirements of Section 9134(f)(1) of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA).
- The requirements of Section 9134(f) of the Library Services and Technology Act do not apply to the applicant/subrecipient library because no funds made available under the LSTA program will be used to purchase computers used to access the Internet or to pay for direct costs associated with accessing the Internet for a public library or public elementary school or secondary school library that does not receive discounted E-Rate services under the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.
- The applicant/subrecipient is not a public library.

I further certify that one of the following is true:

- No LSTA funds from the grant award will be used by the subrecipient to purchase computers used to access the Internet or to pay for direct costs associated with accessing the Internet for a public library or public elementary school or secondary school library served by the applicant/subrecipient; or,
- If any LSTA grant funds are used for such purposes, the subrecipient will obtain the appropriate certifications from libraries receiving such purchases or payments.

**One form must be completed for each grant program for which you are applying.*

Library Director

Printed Name

Date

Library Name

Grant Program