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New TSLAC Grant Programs

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Agenda

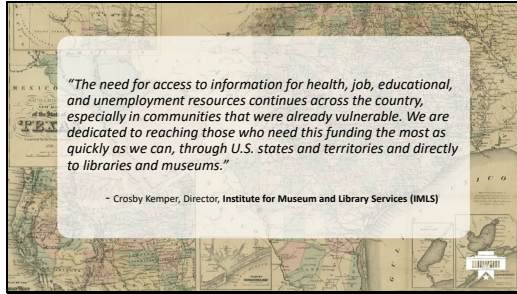
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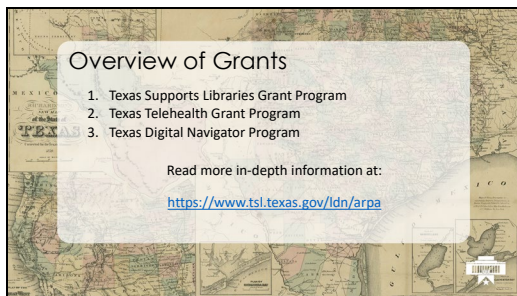
Current funding landscape

- **American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)**, the \$1.9 Trillion pandemic stimulus plan passed by Congress in March 2021
 - Included \$200 million in funding for U.S. libraries - largest single infusion of federal funds for libraries in decades, and probably ever
- Funds will come to the states via the **Institute for Museum and Library Services (IMLS)**
- Texas' share of those funds will be nearly **\$8.4 million**

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Texas Supports Libraries Grant Program

- Digital inclusion efforts **particularly in support of education, health, and workforce development.**
- Safely respond to the pandemic by **implementing public health protocols.**
- Support library services to meet community need in areas of **personnel, technology, training, materials, supplies, equipment, accessibility, and translation services.**

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Texas Telehealth Grant Program

The **Texas Telehealth Grant Program** funds awarded libraries with the equipment and resources needed to facilitate a **telehealth project at their library facilities.**

The maximum grant award will be:

- \$25,000 for a single library location
- \$50,000 for a multi-branch library



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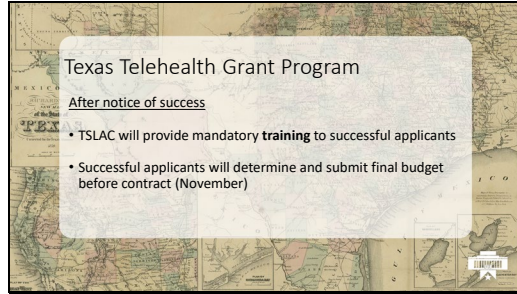
What is library telehealth?

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.



For more information, view archived webinar found here:
<https://onlinetraining.tsl.texas.gov/enrol/index.php?id=460>

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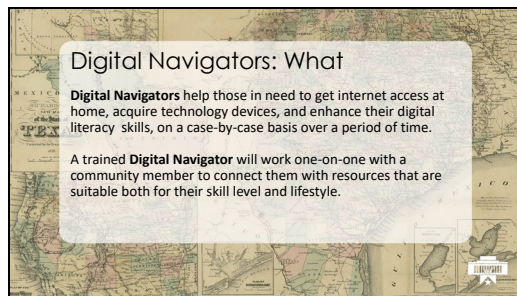


Texas Telehealth Grant Program

After notice of success

- TSLAC will provide mandatory **training** to successful applicants
- Successful applicants will determine and submit final budget before contract (November)

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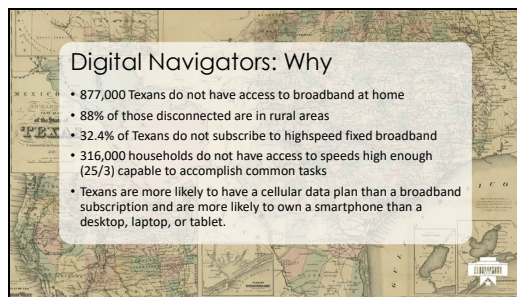


Digital Navigators: What

Digital Navigators help those in need to get internet access at home, acquire technology devices, and enhance their digital literacy skills, on a case-by-case basis over a period of time.

A trained **Digital Navigator** will work one-on-one with a community member to connect them with resources that are suitable both for their skill level and lifestyle.

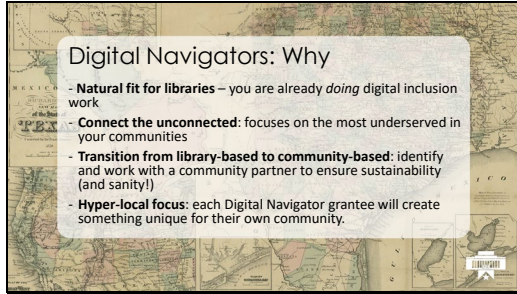
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Digital Navigators: Why

- 877,000 Texans do not have access to broadband at home
- 88% of those disconnected are in rural areas
- 32.4% of Texans do not subscribe to highspeed fixed broadband
- 316,000 households do not have access to speeds high enough (25/3) capable to accomplish common tasks
- Texans are more likely to have a cellular data plan than a broadband subscription and are more likely to own a smartphone than a desktop, laptop, or tablet.

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Digital Navigators: Why

- **Natural fit for libraries** – you are already *doing* digital inclusion work
- **Connect the unconnected:** focuses on the most underserved in your communities
- **Transition from library-based to community-based:** identify and work with a community partner to ensure sustainability (and sanity!)
- **Hyper-local focus:** each Digital Navigator grantee will create something unique for their own community.

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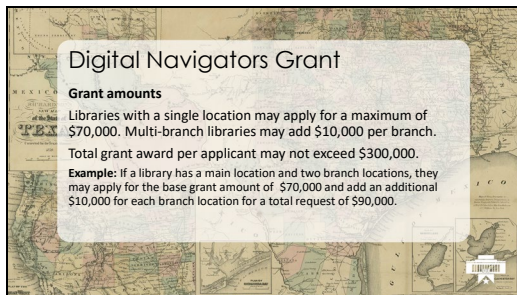


Digital Navigators Grant

This grant opportunity will provide awarded libraries:

- **Online group training** from an expert on digital inclusion
- **Grant funds** to implement a **Digital Navigator** program for your community.
 - Covers things like devices, salaries, advertising, software to manage the program and more.

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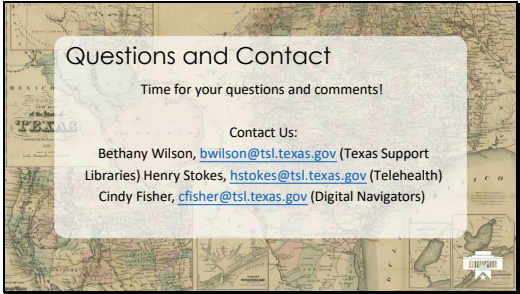


Digital Navigators Grant

Grant amounts

Libraries with a single location may apply for a maximum of \$70,000. Multi-branch libraries may add \$10,000 per branch. Total grant award per applicant may not exceed \$300,000.

Example: If a library has a main location and two branch locations, they may apply for the base grant amount of \$70,000 and add an additional \$10,000 for each branch location for a total request of \$90,000.

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Questions and Contact
Time for your questions and comments!

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