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New TSLAC Grant Programs

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Agenda

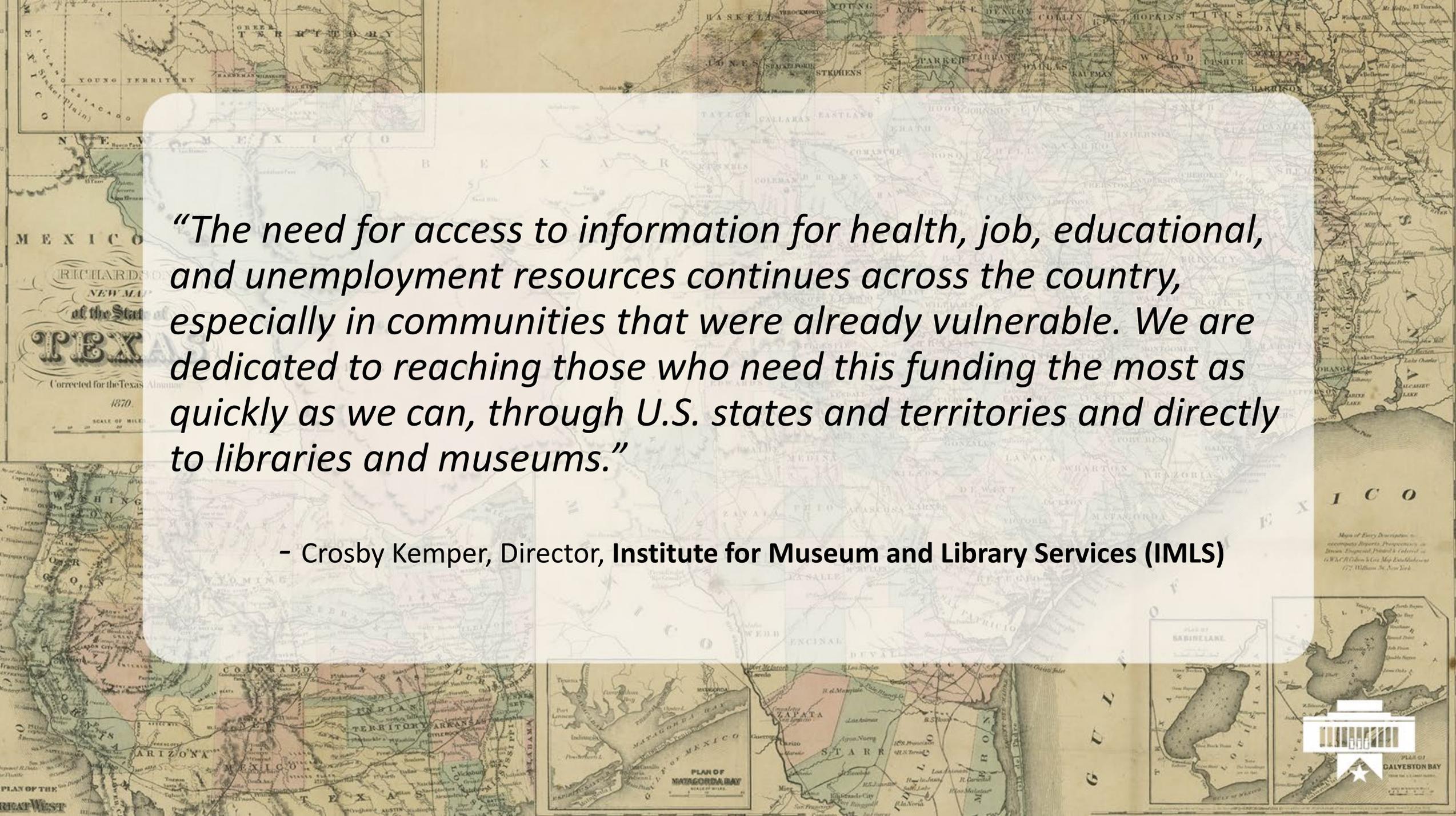
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Current funding landscape

- **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**



A historical map of Texas and surrounding regions, including parts of Mexico, Arizona, and the Indian Territory. The map is detailed, showing county boundaries, major cities, and geographical features like rivers and mountains. The text is overlaid on a semi-transparent white box in the center of the map.

“The need for access to information for health, job, educational, and unemployment resources continues across the country, especially in communities that were already vulnerable. We are dedicated to reaching those who need this funding the most as quickly as we can, through U.S. states and territories and directly to libraries and museums.”

- Crosby Kemper, Director, Institute for Museum and Library Services (IMLS)



Overview of Grants

1. Texas Supports Libraries Grant Program
2. Texas Telehealth Grant Program
3. Texas Digital Navigator Program

Read more in-depth information at:

<https://www.tsl.texas.gov/ldn/arpa>

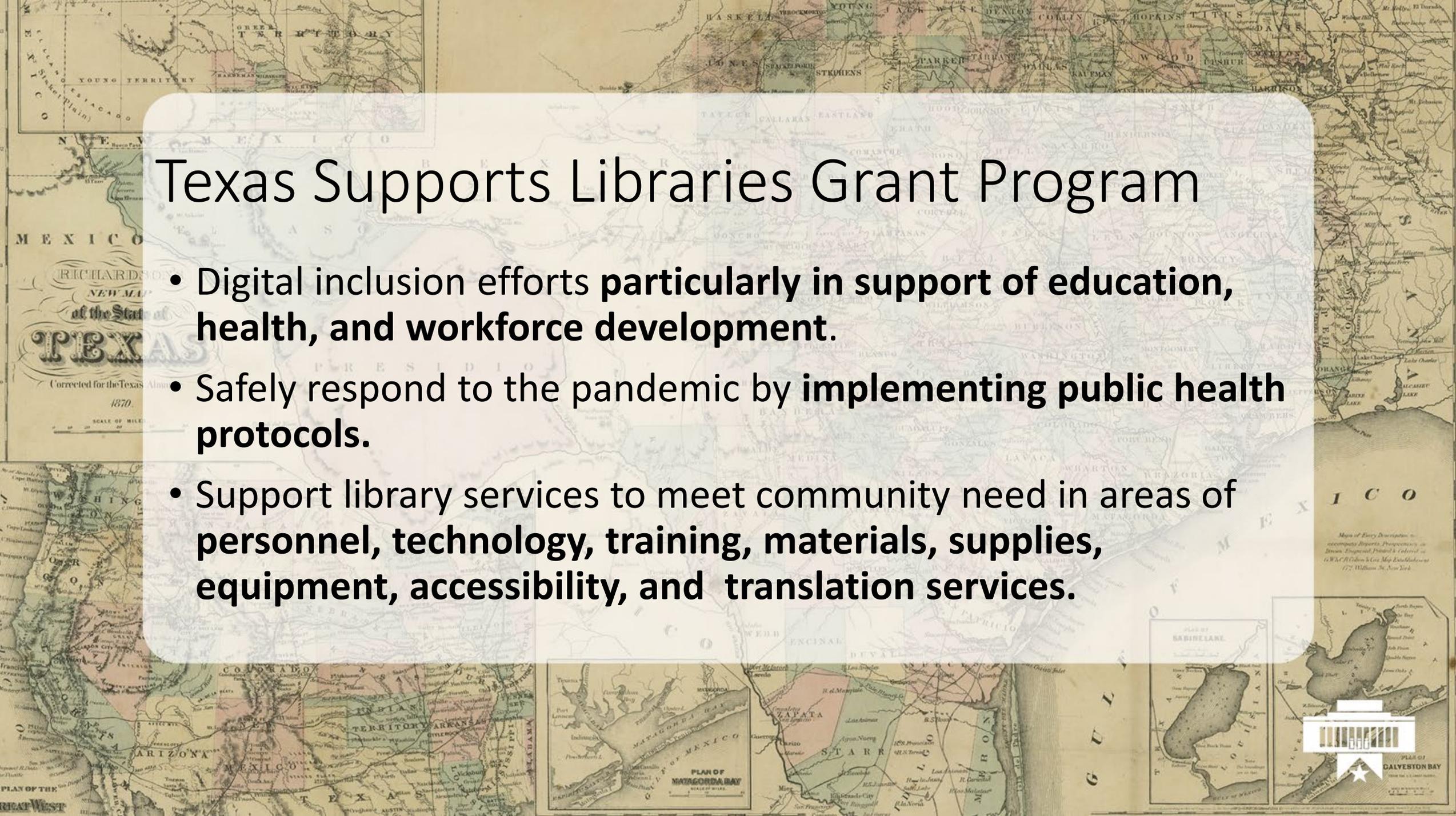


A background collage of historical maps of Texas and the surrounding regions, including Young Territory, Mexican Territory, and various counties like Young, Denton, and Harris. The maps are in sepia tones with detailed geographical features and county boundaries.

Texas Supports Libraries Grant Program

The **Texas Supports Libraries Grant Program** is designed to help communities respond directly and immediately to the pandemic as well as to related economic and community needs through equitable approaches.



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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.**



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



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>



Texas Telehealth Grant Program | Eligible

Supplies/Materials

- Networking equipment and cables
- Computer hardware, software, and accessories
- Furniture
- Camera/video equipment/accessories
- Portable ring lights/lamps
- Sound baffles
- Teleconferencing kiosk(s)
- Mobile devices and related apps
- Printers/scanners
- Marketing and promotion
- Consumables (paper, toner, cleaning supplies, etc.)
- E-books/books : consumer and/or mental health
- Staff training
- Digital literacy support
- Medical supplies
- Sanitation/infection prevention



Texas Telehealth Grant Program | Eligible

Services

- Consumer health databases (dissimilar to TexShare or TexQuest offerings)
- Postage, printing, signage
- SaaS - Software as a Service (from 12/1/2021- 8/31/2022)
- IT support (computer/web)
- Training – patron and/or staff
- Venue fees (room rental, etc.)
- Contract temporary help
- Equipment rental
- Professional services (workshop speakers, graphic design, etc.)
- Promotion



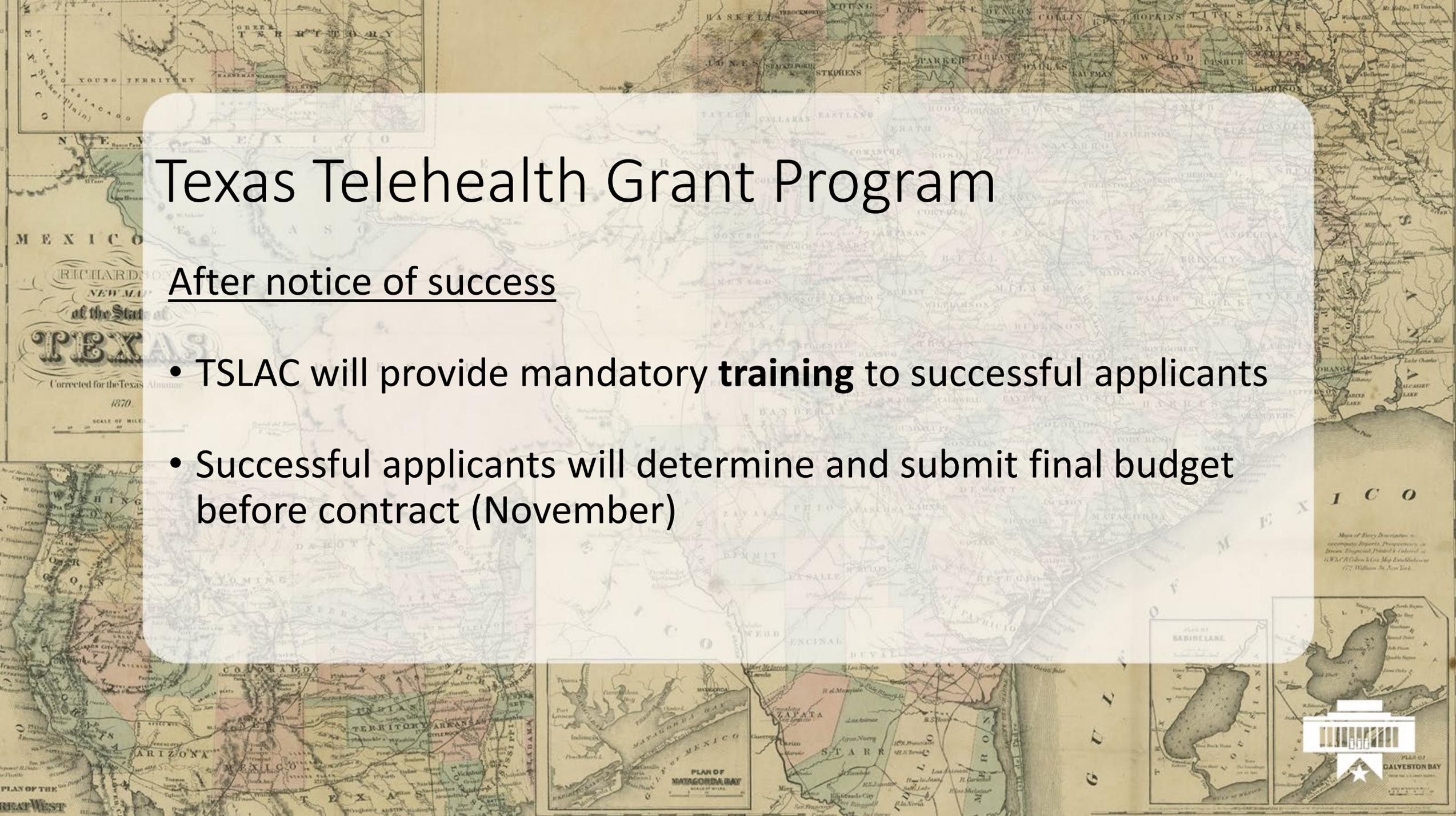
Texas Telehealth Grant Program | Ineligible

Ineligible Activities

- Purchase of real property, buildings, or motor vehicles
- Construction or expansion of facilities, including fixtures and services
- Renovation costs, including fixtures and services

See NOFO for full list of what grant will not cover



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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)



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.



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.

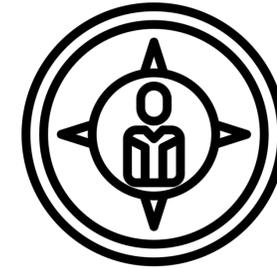


Digital Navigators: Why

- **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.



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.



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.



Digital Navigators Grant



Group training

Grantees will attend a series of online training to work with a selected vendor (TBD) to further define their Digital Navigators project based on local data, needs, and capacity.

Community partnership

Grantees will work in partnership with a local community organization to develop and implement their Digital Navigator project

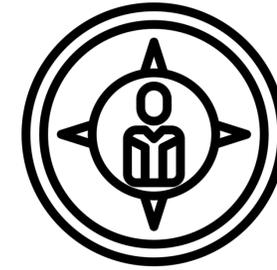


Digital Navigators Grant

Grant Funds

Grantees will receive funds to cover identified program needs:

- SaaS - Software as a Service (project management tools)
- Digital Navigator fees (salaries, wages and/or benefits for contract temporary help)
- Marketing materials (print or digital and includes postage, printing, signage)
- Refurbished laptops or tablets for distribution to identified underserved community members
- Digital literacy databases or assessments (dissimilar to TexShare or TexQuest offerings)
- Training – patron and/or staff
- Professional services (workshop speakers, graphic design, etc.)



Texas Supports Libraries & Telehealth Grants Timelines

- **September 3, 2021:** Applications Open
- **October 1, 2021:** Applications and required forms due
- **Late October:** Applicants notified of selection
- **Early November:** Commission meets and approves projects
- **Mid-Late November:** Contracts issues to grant recipients
- **December 1, 2021:** Projects Begin
- **August 31, 2022:** Projects End



Digital Navigators Grant Timeline

August 2021	Guidelines released
September 2021	Applications open
October 1, 2021	Applications and required forms due
October 2021	Application packets evaluated by Grant Review Panel
October 2021	Applicants notified of Grant Review Panel recommendations
November 2021	Commission meets and approves projects
November 2021	Contracts issued to grant recipients
December 1, 2021	Projects begin
October 31, 2022	All project funds obligated
November 30, 2022	Projects end



How to Apply

- Program opens for application on **Friday, September 3, 2021**
- **Read the Notice of Funding Opportunity**
- Set up GMS access if needed (grants@tsl.texas.gov)
- Watch the video on creating and submitting a new grant application in GMS (<https://www.tsl.texas.gov/ldn/grants/training>)

TSLAC ARPA Grants webpage

<https://www.tsl.texas.gov/ldn/arpa>



Resources

All ARPA Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) materials, including everything we've discussed today:

<https://www.tsl.texas.gov/ldn/arpa>

Recorded webinar about **telehealth** and **digital navigators** grants:

<https://onlinetraining.tsl.texas.gov/course/view.php?id=460>



Questions and Contact

Time for your questions and comments!

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