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NTIA should give more broadband stimulus money to public computer centers, said the American Library Association, Time Warner Cable, New America Foundation and seven other groups. NTIA allocated \$200 million for centers, the minimum required by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. But applicants requested 10 times that amount in the first funding round alone, they said in a letter Tuesday to NTIA Administrator Larry Strickling. They suggested reallocating money targeted for broadband mapping: "The ARRA allocated a maximum of \$350 for broadband mapping, but current projections show that NTIA will not need all of this funding to complete the broadband mapping functions." Libraries, community colleges and other anchor institutions face a "double whammy" of increased demand for Internet services and less funding by local and state governments, they said.