

Resilient Communities

American Library Association

Instructions

Resilient Communities: Libraries Respond to Climate Change is an ALA pilot program made possible by support from a private donor. The program supports 25 public and academic libraries in efforts to engage their communities in programs and conversations that address the climate crisis.

Prior to beginning your library's application, please read the complete Project Guidelines.

To begin, please type the following in the text box below: **Resilient Communities**

Project Name*

Name of Project

Character Limit: 100

Local Information

Project Director

Note: The Project Director is the person who will be responsible for coordinating all elements of the Resilient Communities project on behalf of the library. All fields are required unless noted otherwise.

First Name*

Character Limit: 250

Last Name*

Character Limit: 250

E-mail*

Character Limit: 250

Phone Number (10 digits, xxx-xxx-xxxx)*

Character Limit: 250

Extension

Character Limit: 250

Title*

Character Limit: 250

Department

Character Limit: 250

Institution*

Character Limit: 250

Address 1*

Character Limit: 250

Address 2

Character Limit: 250

City*

Character Limit: 250

State/Territory*

Character Limit: 250

Zip Code (9 digits, xxxxx-xxxx)

Character Limit: 250

The Library

Library Type*

Choices

Academic Library

Public Library

Number of branches in your library system*

(Enter N/A if not applicable)

Character Limit: 250

Total Population Served*

Choices

<4,999

5000-9,999

10,000-24,999

25,000-74,999

75,000-149,999

150,000-499,999

>500,000

Community Type*

Choices

- City
- City/Suburb
- Suburb
- Suburb/Rural
- Rural
- Other

Closest metropolitan area and state*

Character Limit: 250

Which counties, communities and populations do you serve? Please describe.*

Character Limit: 1000

Shipping

Based on currently available information, DVDs will be shipped to successful applicants on September 28, 2020. Please provide your library's preferred address for this shipment.

Delivery address*

(No PO Boxes)

Character Limit: 250

Delivery address line 2

Character Limit: 250

City*

Character Limit: 250

State*

Character Limit: 250

Zip Code*

Character Limit: 250

Proposal Narrative

This section contains six required narrative questions. Please note that each narrative section may not exceed 400 words.

Community Demographics and Goals*

Describe the landscape of your community, especially in terms of community demographics and challenges/opportunities related to reaching the public with programming about climate change and sustainability. Why would your library be excited to participate in this project? Please state three leading goals for your institution/community. (Applicants may wish to review “Using Data to Understand Your Community & Measure Impact” to support community assessment and planning efforts.)

Character Limit: 2500

Local Partnerships and Outreach*

Collaboration with local organizations is important to the success of this project. Describe the community partnership(s) that will be part of your Resilient Communities project. How will you work with partners or community leaders to break down barriers and engage underserved audiences? How will you engage stakeholders and highlight local expertise? You may provide letters of support from partnering organizations/individuals in the Uploads section; a minimum of one is required. Consider approaching partner organizations that will help expand the reach of your program series, add expertise in key areas, or connect your community with resources that the library doesn't offer directly. Possibilities to consider include schools/school libraries, youth centers, STEM organizations, faith communities, local businesses, higher education, government agencies, permaculture nonprofits, veterans' organizations, nonprofit social service providers, historical societies, and performing arts groups.

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Use of Documentaries/Docudrama*

Describe your plans to use the documentaries/docudrama provided by this project. Note that grantees will be asked to convene one screening/discussion event, virtually or in-person. Please share your plans to promote these DVD resources to your community, and identify which film(s) you will screen and discuss, including why you selected it, what format your program will take, how you will promote attendance, and any key questions your program will explore. If you are unable to meet this program requirement by offering an in-person or virtual screening between October 2020 – April 2021, please contact publicprograms@ala.org to discuss your circumstances.

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Additional Programs*

Describe your plans to host two additional Resilient Communities programs. Provide as much information as possible about your program format(s); tentative scheduling information; how each program relates to your overall goals; any content that will be explored (e.g., book titles, film titles, speakers/presenters); and other relevant details. For programming ideas, please see the project Guidelines.

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Climate Resilience Hub Designation*

What will your library's engagement as a Climate Resilience Hub look like? Please share details such as how/where you will distribute extreme weather preparedness information, how you will approach planning for an annual event about emergency weather preparedness, how library staff will be involved (e.g., participating in CREW-led professional development opportunities provided by this grant, reviewing and implementing library policies), and what, if any, emergency weather concerns currently affect your community. Even if your community has not been impacted by extreme weather, designating your library as a Climate Resilience Hub can help with preparedness for future weather events.

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History and Commitment*

Please summarize your organization's commitment to and history of programming (adult, youth, and/or family) about climate change, sustainability, and the environment. You may provide specific examples of programs/activities offered, successes and challenges, community partner involvement, and audiences engaged. If Resilient Communities will be your library's first engagement with climate change programming, please tell us about why the time is right for you to get started now.

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Upload Supporting Materials

Please upload supporting materials for your application in the applicable areas.

Letters of support*

Upload letters of support from partner organization(s), community leaders, and/or library administration. One confirmed community partnership/letter is required.

File Size Limit: 10 MB

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Resumes*

Upload the resume(s) or CV(s) of library staff members who will lead or co-lead Resilient Communities programming, and any outside speakers/presenters. A resume for the library project director is required; other resumes are optional.

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Certify Authorization

An application for the Resilient Communities project is an application for an award from the American Library Association. ALA asks applicants to identify for each application a certifying official who is authorized to submit applications for funding on behalf of the organization. To complete this section, you must enter all of the information that is requested.

Certifying Official

First Name*

Character Limit: 250

Last Name*

Character Limit: 250

Title*

Character Limit: 250

Institution*

Character Limit: 250

Email*

Character Limit: 250

By checking this box and submitting this application, the authorized representative for the applicant organization certifies that all statements contained herein are true and correct to the best of his or her knowledge and belief; and that the applicant organization (including, when pertinent, each additional library branch on whose behalf it is applying) is neither presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, nor voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any federal department or agency.*

Choices

I Agree

You can check the status of your institution with regard to debarment at the website of the System for Award Management.