

SDSL's Cornerstone Newsletter

South Dakota State Library's e-newsletter

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The banner is split into two main sections. On the left, there is a logo for 'LIBRARIES TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES' with a stylized leaf icon in shades of green and purple. Below the logo is the text 'ACCESSIBLE SMALL AND RURAL COMMUNITIES' and the ALA American Library Association logo. On the right, a dark blue background contains the text 'A SPECIAL GRANT OPPORTUNITY FOR SMALL AND RURAL LIBRARIES' in white. Below this is the URL 'ala.org/LTCAccess' and four icons representing accessibility: a magnifying glass, a hearing aid, a brain, and a hand. A red starburst graphic on the right side of the banner contains the text 'Applications open November 1, 2022 through February 28, 2023'.

Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small and Rural Communities Grant Opportunity

The American Library Association (ALA) announced a new grant opportunity for small and rural libraries. The goal of the grant is to increase the accessibility of facilities, services, and programs to better serve people with disabilities. The grants will be distributed over the next three years and will range from \$10,000 - \$20,000.

According to the ALA, "Participating libraries will first conduct community input-gathering sessions to assure that their work aligns with local needs. Libraries will be required to identify the primary audience they are hoping to reach (e.g., homebound seniors, children with autism, Deaf community members) and facilitate a community conversation with the impacted populations in order to guide improvement of the library's services. Grantees would then use the funds to create services or improve their facilities based on the needs identified by their audience."

To be eligible for the grant, a library must have a legal service area population of 25,000 or less and be located at least five miles from an urbanized area.

Applications close on February 28, 2023.

To learn more about the grant opportunity and to apply, visit the [ALA's Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small and Rural Communities webpage](#).

ALA: Libraries Transforming Communities





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