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SPONSORED BY: Kassandra Gove **BILL No. 2026- 096**
Kassandra Gove, Mayor

An Order to authorize the Mayor to accept and expend the Association for Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL) Sustainable & Resilient New England Libraries grant in the amount of \$15,000.

Summary: These grant funds will support the replacement of the temporary ramp currently serving as the main and only ADA-compliant entrance at the Amesbury Public Library. Installed in 2007 as a temporary solution, the ramp has exceeded its intended lifespan and no longer meets current code standards.

The total estimated cost to replace the ramp is \$60,000. This grant will cover approximately one-fifth of the project cost and will be supplemented by additional funding sources, including a potential FY27 state earmark.

Be it Ordered by the City Council of the City of Amesbury assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows:

That the City of Amesbury authorizes the Mayor to accept and expend the Association for Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL) Sustainable & Resilient New England Libraries grant in the amount of \$15,000.



Outlook

RE: library grant applied for - ARSL

From Aimie Westphal <awestphal@amesburylibrary.org>

Date Tue 4/21/2026 11:31 AM

To Pamela Tobey <tobeyp@amesburyma.gov>; Marisa Batista <batistam@amesburyma.gov>

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Thanks Pam! The acceptance letter is below and some more info on what we applied for, let me know what other information you need

Dear Aimie Westphal,

Congratulations!

The ARSL Grant Review Team is delighted to report that your application for the 2026 Sustainable & Resilient New England Libraries Grant has been selected for **full funding!**

As your project gets underway, [please use this media kit to acknowledge the support of ARSL and the Manton Foundation](#). The media kit includes our organizational logos and guidelines for how both organizations should be acknowledged in a variety of situations. If you have any questions about the media kit, please let us know -- we are happy to provide guidance.

A brief grant report will be due upon completion of your project, but no later than April 30, 2027. If you are unable to complete your project within your original timeline, a report will still be due by the official reporting date, with a supplemental report required upon project completion.

We look forward to seeing your projects unfold, and reading all about them in your grant reports!

Sincerely,

The ARSL Grants, Awards & Scholarships Committee

AIMIE WESTPHAL (she/her)

Director

Amesbury Public Library

From: Pamela Tobey <tobeyp@amesburyma.gov>

Sent: Friday, April 17, 2026 11:49 AM

To: Aimie Westphal <awestphal@amesburylibrary.org>; Marisa Batista <batistam@amesburyma.gov>

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