

## PLP Innovation and Technology Opportunity Grant Program Application

Library Name: Monterey Public Library

Project Title: Power Up! at Monterey Public Library

Select category you are applying under:

Category A: Innovation and Technology Opportunity Grant

Category B: Grant Replication Program

If Category B is selected, enter the name of the grant you are replicating:

1. Please provide a one paragraph project summary.

During the 2022 and 2023 storms that knocked out power to the Monterey Peninsula, Monterey Public Library served as a Community Resiliency Hub for the area. We were one of the only buildings with a generator, and one of the only places in Monterey, Pacific Grove, Pebble Beach, and Carmel with internet access! When this happened, the Library used every single outlet through the building and surge protector. Many people forgot device chargers, and it was inefficient for one person to use a single outlet in some areas. We will add 2 device locker charging stations and add additional surge protector and desk outlets where possible through the library.

2. Explain how this project fits with the library's strategic directions.

The Library Board is interested in the Library continuing to have the vision of a "Community Hub" with activities that bring people together at all times through the year. During critical events like the storms, flooding, and power outages, we serve a need for the community. The library has not been updated in 40+ years, and the facility is lacking power access in many areas. Increasing usage of the aging facility, and usability of existing resources is critical.

3. Please provide a detailed description of the proposed project including the population served and the demographics of that population.

The library would add device charging banks and device charging lockers at additional sites in the building. Two new charging locker stations would be added for personal devices. Surge protectors throughout the building would be replaced with newer models.

The community members include unhoused patrons who are looking to charge their devices daily, college students from MPC, CSUMB, MIIS, NPS, and other schools, parents & young military families, high number of tourists and travelers.

4. What are the goals and objectives of the project?

Increase usage of device charging for general daily use, and during critical storm events in the area where the library serves as the designated Community Resiliency Hub.

Increasing access to personal devices allows members of the public to use the wifi and other library resources during critical periods as well to contact family and friends.

5. Please include your project timeline (include detail of activities).

November 2024 Identify products to purchase

December 2024 order items to prepare for winter storms and install

January 2025+ identify any additional products needed

6. Please indicate how you will evaluate success of your project.

Usage of devices and member feedback

Community survey box in library lobby

Info in library newsletter

7. Please detail your project budget. (Note: Indirect costs are not allowed).

\$6,000 Library Charging Lockers

\$1,000 New surge protectors through the building

\$1,000 tabletop or freestanding charging space

8. Please indicate how the project will be sustained after the grant term is over.

The devices will be operational until they are damaged or no longer of use. We will choose devices with removal/replaceable USB-C & Lightning cables, as we have seen that the cables can become damaged or stolen. We will continue to offer these year-round.

