

# Construction Grant Applications (FY2013-2014)

## MHLS Incentives Committee Recommendations

### Background

MHLS member libraries have reported a **need for over \$55,000,000** for construction, expansion and renovation through the 2013 Construction Needs Update Action Memo. Applicants for the '13-'14 round of construction funds have requested over **\$1,525,123**.

**Total Available Funds for 2013:** MHLS has been allotted **\$525,545** through the State Aid for Public Library Construction Program. This year the System decided to exercise its right to use a portion of the allotted funds. While under the Commissioner's Regulations the System is allowed to use up to 40% of the funds allotted to our region, the System has used just under 8% of the available funds for a project that would replace the windows in the office building with more energy efficient windows and repave the MHLS parking lot. After the **System award of \$40,815** there is **\$484,730 available to award to member library applicants**.

### Award Recommendation Process

The Incentives Committee of the MHLS Board is tasked with awarding the grant funds.

The MHLS Board approved a list of priority funding areas at its May 2013 meeting:

- Project must be part of a long-range plan and
  - Provide for an:
    - Increase in services
    - Increase in access and/or
    - Energy conservation in the context of a professional's recommendations or with an historic preservation element
- \*Please note that libraries were notified of the board's priorities prior to their application submissions.*

### *2006-2013 Committee Approach:*

1. Reviewed a summary of each application. [Please note: The library associated with each project was not revealed.]
2. As a group, reviewed applications checking for projects that meet the stated criteria of:
  - Increase in services
  - Increase in access and/or
  - Energy conservation in the context of a professional's recommendations or with an historic preservation element
3. As individuals, ranked applications on a 1-2-3-4 scale (1 = highest priority; 4 = eliminate). As a group, built consensus on project rating.
4. Divided up the available grants funds using a percentage-based formula applied to the rating.

## Member Library Application Summaries & Recommended Award Amounts

Library	Project Description	Amount Requested	Recommended Award Amount
Brewster	<b>Energy Conservation/Restoration:</b> Restoration of windows in an 1931 Georgian-style library facility, application of low-E solar film; installation of storm panels; repair of plaster molding and peeling ceiling in reading room and installation of insulation and vent fans in the attic.	\$32,435	\$5,000
Coxsackie	<b>Renovation/Accessibility/Energy Conservation:</b> Renovation and optimization of three rooms in an 1819 building and its 1960 addition, based on input from the community, to achieve better physical accessibility, increased capacity for programming and energy conservation. Project components include refurbishment of overall space; flexible furnishings and shelving; and energy efficient lighting.	\$90,900	\$27,000
Garrison	<b>Energy Conservation:</b> Installation of a variable refrigerant flow system (VRFZ) to result in a more efficient HVAC system; more zones; and noise reduction. Estimated annual heating/cooling savings of \$7,000.	\$92,840	\$20,000
Haines Falls	<b>Renovation/Rehabilitation/Energy Conservation/Accessibility:</b> Later phase of a significant renovation project to address drainage system damaged by Hurricane Irene; renovate entries; rehabilitate stairs to mezzanine; and final fixtures and furnishings. When total project is completed it will result in a 466% increase in usable public space.	\$215,497	\$64,000
Hudson	<b>Renovation/Accessibility:</b> Adaptive re-use of a facility that will be the new home for the library. Project components include architectural elements (acoustic wall paneling, division walls, benches and trip) built-in millwork (shelving, service and computer desks, cabinetry, displays). New space will enable the library to be fully handicapped accessible for the first time, result in the provision of a meeting room that can seat 100 people (currently have no dedicated meeting room); new facility will result in a 60% increase in usable public space.	\$200,000	\$100,000
Hurley	<b>Site Acquisition:</b> Acquisition of facility next door to current library. New facility would create a fully handicapped facility (current library is not handicapped accessible), increase usable public space by 40% and lower heating and cooling costs in the library's operations budget.	\$87,500	\$40,000
Patterson	<b>Energy Conservation/Rehabilitation:</b> Two part project: 1) dehumidification system to correct humidity problems present since construction project was completed two years ago; 2) purchase of a 45kw, 3 phase generator to power the library during outages. Part of the board's community-driven priority to create a "resilient" library facility as their town has been significantly impacted by recent severe weather.	\$71,095	\$21,000

<b>Phoenicia</b>	<b>Expansion/Energy Conservation/Renovation/Accessibility:</b> Phase III of renovation project to expand current footprint concurrently with renovation work of fire-damaged building. Would result in new space for children's room, community meeting room and elevator. This phase: flood-proofing to FEMA standards; septic; technology infrastructure; fixtures and furnishings; construction supervision. Slated to be the first <i>Passive House</i> designed library in the country.	\$147,472	\$70,000
<b>Poughkeepsie</b>	<b>Expansion/Renovation/Accessibility/Energy Conservation:</b> First phase of a major renovation and expansion project for a newly acquired facility. This phase: site preparation. Ultimately will result in a 240% increase in space: new space will double the number of public access computers; create programming space where none existed previously; completely handicapped accessible; adequate parking.	\$317,987	\$100,000
<b>Red Hook</b>	<b>Renovation/Energy Conservation:</b> Renovation of currently underused space in an historic building to create more space for computers, programming and quiet reading area. New space will provide twice the current number of public access computers. HVAC, insulation and electrical system upgrade to this 1865 facility to create the capacity for the stated needs in newly created space	\$64,787	\$20,000
<b>Stone Ridge</b>	<b>Renovation/Rehabilitation/Energy Conservation:</b> Phase II of a significant stabilization, rehabilitation and energy conservation project for a building on the State and National Registers of Historic Places. Project components include: window restoration in oldest part of the facility (1798); siding and insulation – using environmentally friendly insulation; roofing for 1811 portion of the facility; and construction supervision for overall project.	\$37,964	\$7,730
<b>Woodstock</b>	<b>New Construction:</b> First phase of a new construction project to create a library annex: asbestos abatement; demolition of current structure; and relocation of an electrical pole. Future plans for the new building will ultimately result in a minimum 13% increase in usable public space.	\$23,925	\$10,000
		\$1,382,402	\$484,730.00