

# FY2016-2019 State Aid for Public Library Construction Program

## Action Item 1:

### MHLS Board Priorities for Funding

#### To be considered for funding a project must:

1. **Be part of the library's board approved, prioritized facility plan** which is reported to MHLS through the Construction Needs Action Memo issued annually in March/April. **If a library is breaking a large project into phases this must be itemized with a timeline within the facility plan,** and
2. **Provide for at least one of the following outcomes (points are awarded for each outcome the project addresses, so, the more the better!):**
  - **An increase in services** through an increase in usable public space or increased staff efficiencies (e.g., new buildings, additions to current buildings, renovation of existing areas for new uses); and/or
  - **An increase in access** (e.g., **compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA); improved broadband;** optimization of a space to bring in a new or underserved population); and/or
  - **Energy conservation in the context of a professional's recommendations or with an historic preservation element.** For the purposes of the MHLS board's ranking, a "professional's recommendation" will, at least, include the results of an Energy Audit by the NYS Energy Research & Development Authority (NYSERDA). **Libraries are expected to comply with the MHLS 'Useful life energy conservation standards'** for the purposes of this grant; and/or
  - **Disaster recovery** in the context of a substantial loss of access to library services due to a low probability-high consequence event(s) (e.g., fire, flood). This will apply to libraries: (1) located within a declared state or federal disaster area, or (2) not located within a declared disaster area if sufficient evidence documents a low probability-high consequence event resulted in substantial loss of access to library services. Within the grant narrative the library must adequately describe: a) length of forewarning; b) magnitude of impact; and c) duration of impact, meaning lack of access by the public to library services.
  - **Leadership in sustainable design** in the context of pursuit of certification through the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design program (LEED); Green Globes; Living Building Challenge; Energy Star; Net Zero Energy Building Certification and/or Passive House.