

Incentives Committee

September 12, 2022

1. Roll Call

- ✓ Stuart Auchincloss, Chair (U)
- ✓ Rajene Hardeman (D)
- ✓ Jill Leinung (C)
- ✓ Carla Taylor (P)
- ✓ Mary Linda Todd (G)
- ✓ Ric Swierat (D) ex officio
- ✓ Rebekkah Smith Aldrich (Staff Liaison)
- ✓ Laura Crisci (Staff Liaison)

2. **Chair's Comments:** Chair Auchincloss noted that more libraries are applying for climate change mitigation and adaptation projects and thanked Executive Director Aldrich for her leadership on this topic.

3. **Review of the Committee's Charge:** The Committee reviewed its charge, with a specific eye towards issues related to equity, diversity, and inclusion. However, at this time, it does not recommend any changes.

4. **Review of the process for Construction Grant Award Recommendations:** Aldrich provided a review of the process including the use of both the board-approved priorities to award points to the applications in order to calculate weighted award amounts and the designation of libraries serving economically disadvantaged communities to fund those libraries at a higher level.

5. Review and Ranking of the System and Member Library Construction Grant Applications:

- a. The Committee reviewed the MHLS application for the Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Stations. The summary of the application is attached to this report.
 - i. **ACTION:** Rajene Hardeman moved, and Jill Leinung seconded a motion to recommend that the MHLS Board approve a funding recommendation of \$16,421 for this project. The motion passed unanimously.
- b. The Committee reviewed and ranked eight (8) member library applications and directed MHLS staff to produce the recommended award amounts using the agreed upon formula. The award recommendations are attached to this report for the board's consideration.
 - i. **ACTION:** The Incentives Committee recommends that the MHLS Board approve the recommended award amounts presented in the attached document for the 2022-2023 State Aid for Library Construction Program.

6. **Guidance on Assignment of Additional Funds:** The Committee directed MHLS Staff to reallocate any funds a) turned down by members recommended for funding or b) offered by NYS in addition to MHLS' allocation as equitably as possible across all libraries recommended for funding.

7. **Debrief/Suggestions for 2023 Process:** The Committee discussed how to best incentivize libraries for actively participating in, or being certified through, the Sustainable Library Certification Program (SLCP) and recommended

this item in the current priorities be refined for 2023.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45pm.