

# Construction Grant Applications (FY2011-2012)

## MHLS Incentives Committee Recommendations

### Background

MHLS member libraries have reported a **need for over \$42,000,000** for construction, expansion and renovation through the 2011 Construction Needs Update Action Memo. Applicants for the '11-'12 round of construction funds have requested over **\$1 million**.

**Total Available Funds for 2011:** MHLS is allotted **\$521,041** 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 under 7% of the available funds for a project to upgrade the building envelope of the Auditorium as part of our comprehensive energy use reduction plan and to restore portions of the façade of this historic 1902 facility. After the **System award of \$32,879** there is **\$488,162 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 2011 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.*

### *2011 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. Projects not meeting these criteria were eliminated.
4. As individuals, ranked remaining applications on a 1-2-3 scale (1 = highest priority). As a group, built consensus on project rating.
5. 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	<i>Recommended Award Amount</i>
<b>Cairo</b>	<b>New Construction:</b> Second phase of a new library construction project: building envelope construction and interior finishes. <i>Increase in usable public space once the entire project is complete: 300%</i>	\$259,500	\$100,000
<b>Claverack</b>	<b>Handicapped Accessibility:</b> Accessibility infrastructure for adaptive re-use of recently acquired building. Will result in an elevator and handicapped accessible bathrooms in the new building. <i>Increase in usable public space once the entire project is complete: 342%</i>	\$73,760	\$25,000
<b>Cold Spring</b>	<b>Renovation:</b> Significant renovation to the below-grade floor of the library to increase the size of the children's room; creation of a meeting/program room and offices for staff. Project will make this space handicapped accessible and incorporates suggestions from a NYSERDA energy audit.	\$40,011	\$15,000
<b>Haines Falls</b>	<b>Renovation:</b> Middle phase of a major renovation project on new library space including interior build-out. <i>Increase in usable public space once the entire project is complete: 466%.</i>	\$100,000	\$40,000
<b>Hillsdale</b>	<b>Energy Efficiency:</b> Installation of a geothermal heating/cooling system for their new library building.	\$104,000	\$40,000
<b>Kinderhook</b>	<b>Renovation:</b> Renovation of the children's area to create an expanded area for programming and technology.	\$13,114	\$5,000
<b>New Lebanon</b>	<b>Renovation:</b> Renovation of the children's area to increase room for programming and quiet reading.	\$43,832	\$12,000
<b>Patterson</b>	<b>Renovation &amp; Expansion:</b> Significant interior renovation of existing space; expansion into a new section of the facility formerly used by another agency. <i>Increase in usable public space: 70%.</i>	\$261,500	\$127,000
<b>Phoenicia</b>	<b>Rebuild, Renovation &amp; Expansion:</b> First phase to rebuild the library after a fire and flood. This phase includes demolition and rebuild of the existing space. This work will make the library ADA compliant for the first time. Energy efficient design will result in a 50% reduction in energy requirements.	\$170,634	\$119,162
<b>Red Hook</b>	<b>Renovation:</b> Fixtures, furnishings and technology for the recently renovated children's area. <i>300% increase in space for children's services.</i>	\$10,475	\$5,000
<b>Totals:</b>		<b>\$1,076,826.00</b>	<b>\$488,162.00</b>