

Construction Grant Applications (FY2008-2009)

MHLS Incentives Committee Recommendations

Background

MHLS member libraries have reported a need for over **\$81.5 million** for construction, expansion and renovation through the 2008 Construction Needs Update Action Memo. Fifteen member libraries applied for State Aid for Public Library Construction.

Total Available Funds for 2008 = \$550,219

Breakdown of available funds:

- "\$800,000" Funding Stream: Usually there is a statewide pool of just \$800,000 to be divided up amongst all 23 public library systems resulting in about \$29,700 for MHLS. The Governor imposed a 2% cut to library aid reducing the \$800,000 "pot" of funds for MHLS to **\$29,178** [*This amount is likely to be reduced by another 6% - the committee agreed that the cut would be distributed evenly amongst those libraries funded through this funding stream.*]
- "\$14 Million" Funding Stream: This year, for the third year in a row, the MHLS member libraries have access to an additional, one-time allotment of over **\$521,000** in public library construction funds through NYS due to the passage of a \$14 million NYS Dormitory Authority bond to be used for public library construction aid this year.

Process

The full MHLS Board approved a list of priority funding areas at its March 2008 meeting:

- a. Increase in services
- b. Increase in access
- c. 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.*

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

To do this as fairly as possible the committee followed a process similar to the one set forth by the 2006 & 2007 Committees:

- 2) Elimination of those applications that did not adequately meet the board's stated criteria of:
 - a. Increase in services
 - b. Increase in access
 - c. Energy conservation in the context of a professional's recommendations or with an historic preservation element

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- 3) Ranked remaining applications
- 4) Divided up the available grants funds using a percentage-based formula applied to the rankings.



Member Library Application Summaries & Recommended Award Amounts

Library	Project Description	Amount Requested	<i>Recommended Award Amount</i>
Beacon	Renovation: Significant renovation of main public area. Will create a separate children's area, new meeting space and teen area; noise reduction with doors and ceiling tiles; more logical placement of reference area; Wi-Fi & self-check out station to be added	\$63,655	\$51,000
Garrison	Energy Efficiency: Project will tighten the building envelope and reduce energy consumption through insulation in roof; energy efficient windows and new lighting.	\$54,625	\$22,541
Haines Falls	Energy Efficiency: Project will tighten the building envelope of a recently purchased property to reduce energy consumption through a replacement of the roof and upgrading of windows and doors. New building will increase space from 1,500 → 8,500 square feet.	\$175,000	\$100,000
Hillsdale	New Construction/Energy Efficiency: Energy conservation components (roof and windows) for brand new, "green" library building. Ultimately will increase size of available library space from 1,000 square feet → 7,500 square feet.	\$150,000	\$100,000
Hudson	Energy Efficiency: Project will address building envelope issues of a historic library building, specifically windows and doors.	\$14,200	\$6,178*
Kingston	Handicapped Accessibility: Upgrade elevator to be ADA compliant	\$41,750	\$5,000*
New Lebanon	Expansion: Addition will expand adult and YA collection space and create a reading/study room and kitchenette. Reading room can be converted to a meeting space that holds 50.	\$194,500	\$117,500
Poughkeepsie	Renovation: Plasterwork, window replacement and asbestos abatement in the historic portion of a library building being significantly expanded (from 11,000 → 40,700 square feet)	\$103,130	\$62,500
Red Hook	Renovation: Project to repurpose lower floor to create more usable public space, including a separate children's area and a handicapped accessible bathroom.	\$105,000	\$45,000
Rhinecliff	Handicapped Accessibility: To install a handicapped accessible bathroom.	\$8,400	\$6,000*
Saugerties	Handicapped Accessibility: Elevator in the historic portion of a library building being significantly expanded (from 5,300 → 13,227 square feet.)	\$30,000	\$22,500
Wappingers Falls	Renovation: Renovation of entrance and main customer service area; installation of an air-lock front door to improve energy efficiency; widening of front door to better accommodate wheelchairs.	\$24,497	\$12,000*
Totals:		\$964,757.00	\$550,219.00

*grants that will come from the \$800,000 funding stream

