
This document is published by the STLS Board of Trustees to assist STLS member libraries in assessing the appropriateness of their construction project, and improve transparency of funding decisions.

Eligibilities

- ≡ Purchase of a building to be used as a library**
 - ≡ Renovation of a building currently being used as a library**
 - ≡ Renovation of a leased library building**
 - ≡ Purchase and installation of equipment and furnishings **IF** for a new building or addition, or for a significantly renovated existing space**
 - ≡ Purchase of a lot (if to be used for library purposes)**
 - ≡ Site grading (if owned **and** in preparation for a library building)**
 - ≡ Supervision/management of the construction, renovation, or rehabilitation (as in a Construction Contractor)**
 - ≡ Purchase and installation of one or more generators**
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Guidelines

Your Construction Aid project must:

- ≡ Improve an existing structure for access and usability* **or**
 - ≡ Be new construction that is located
 - in the center of town* **or**
 - on a lot identified by a city or town as advancing a land use or revitalization plan* **or**
 - near public transportation or other municipal services or job centers* **or**
 - ≡ Be combined with another public good including affordable housing, enhanced public space, revitalization of classified brownfield land* **or**
 - ≡ Consider the needs and aspirations of the community the library serves.*
 - ≡ Not create a barrier to access to recreation or scenic areas or historic/archeological resources.*
 - ≡ Not burden future generations with increased greenhouse gas emissions or damage groundwater and air quality.*
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Priorities

Projects that will receive priority funding will:

- ≡ Reduce maintenance, replacement, and carbon costs over time.***
- ≡ Increase energy conservation.**
- ≡ Provide accommodation for computer equipment (such as extending fiber connections).**
- ≡ Bring libraries into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.**
- ≡ Extend library services to people residing in geographically and economically isolated communities.*

* In accordance with the [Smart Growth Public Infrastructure Policy Act, in Environmental Conservation Law \(Article 6 § 1-11\)](#)

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