

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\*\*

## 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.\*

## 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.\*
- Act on recommendations identified through the Coordinated Facilities Planning program.\*\*\*

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

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