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.*

2019 Funding Priority

Projects that will receive priority funding will:

- Bring libraries into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.**

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