

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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