

## 2023/2024 NYS Public Library Construction Aid

Eligibilities, Guidelines, & Priorities for Member Libraries

Application Year 2023



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 oversight 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:

- Improved Accessibility
- Improved Energy Efficiencies
- Phased Building Additions/Expansion or New Building
- Serving Underserved