



CT State Library

Office of the State Librarian

Connecticut State Library FY2020 & FY2021 Budget Presentation

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Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee General Obligation Bonding Subcommittee March 11, 2019

Good afternoon Senator Moore; Representative Miller, Senator Witkos, Representative Floren, and distinguished members of the Bonding Subcommittee. My name is Kendall Wiggin and I am State Librarian.

Governor Lamont's budget proposal for the FY 2020 - FY 2021 Biennium does not include any new bond authorizations for the State Library.

The Agency does not have any prior authorizations set to become effective in the biennium.

The Agency's only bond program with current unallocated balances is the Public Library Construction Grant Program (Sec. 11-24c.)

- P.A. 15-1 sec.13 (j)(1) - includes current pending requests for Bond Commission funding approval for grants awarded that total \$1,166,693.
- P.A.15-1 sec.32 (l)
 - Includes current pending requests for Bond Commission funding approval for grants awarded that total \$642,924.
 - Includes allocated funds for grants already awarded that total \$3,856,800.
 - Balance of \$500,276 is unallocated.

- P.A.17-1 sec.389 (h)
 - Balance of \$2,500,000 is unallocated.
- P.A. 17-1 sec.408 (g)
 - Balance of \$5,000,000 is unallocated.

Current Status of Connecticut State Library (CSL) Construction Grants

1. Completed Grant Projects

- a. 23 grant projects completed in the last 5 years, totaling \$9.7 million in CSL grants

2. Active Grant Projects

- a. 37 projects
- b. 31 projects have their local matching funds in place
 - i. 26 of the 31 projects have had their funding approved by the Bond Commission
 - 1. 23 of the 26 have signed grant contracts with CSL
 - ii. 5 of the 31 projects are awaiting Bond Commission funding approval
- c. 6 grant projects are in the process of raising their local matching funds
 - i. 1 of the projects was awarded a grant in 2015
 - ii. 5 of the projects were awarded grants in 2018
- d. All projects awarded grants prior to 2015 are either completed or are under construction

3. Financials

- a. \$3.7 million awarded to libraries in 2018
- b. \$2.8 million awarded to libraries in 2017
- c. Approximately **\$8 million in funds is available for grant awards in 2019**
 - i. \$2 million of this \$8 million comes from **two grant forfeits** in November 2018 due to lack of local matching funds (Chester, Southington)

4. Funding Needed for Future Grant Awards, FY2020, FY2021

- a. Bonding request submitted in September was for \$2.5 million in each of FY2020 and FY2021, before \$2 million was forfeited by 2 libraries in November.
- b. Responses to November 2018 survey question: "Do you think your library might apply for construction grants for physical expansion, significant construction, or remodeling project in the next 4 years?"
 - i. 42 libraries answered "yes." That's almost ¼ of libraries completing the survey.
 - ii. 35 libraries answered "maybe."
- c. Funding Needs Estimate for next two years:
 - i. **\$10,340,000**
 - ii. Based on CSL Estimate of 22 grant applications, average grant award of \$470,000 (based on last 10 years) **we would need at least an additional \$2,340,000 in FY2021.**

Thank you for the opportunity to update you on the State Library's Bond authorizations. My staff and I welcome the opportunity to answer any questions.

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APPENDIX A

CT State Library Construction Grants Awaiting Funding - as of February 2019

TOWN	GRANTEE NAME	GRANT #	TOTAL GRANT AWARDED	Status
Danbury	Danbury, City of - Danbury Public	034P-SC-18	\$ 100,000	Pending Bond Commission Approval of State Funding
Greenwich	Greenwich Library	057P-SC-18	\$ 586,717	Pending Bond Commission Approval of State Funding
Putnam	Putnam, Town of (Putnam Public)	116P-SC-13	1,000,000	Pending Bond Commission Approval of State Funding
Ridgefield	Ridgefield Library Association, Inc.	118P-SC-18	\$ 40,400	Pending Bond Commission Approval of State Funding
Weston	Weston, Town of - Weston Public	157P-SC-18	\$ 82,500	Pending Bond Commission Approval of State Funding
Coventry	Coventry, Town of (Booth & Dimock)	032P-SC-15	\$ 1,000,000	Pending Local Funding (before going to Bond Commission)
Glastonbury	Glastonbury, Town of - Welles Turner Memorial	054P-SC-18	\$ 1,000,000	Pending Local Funding (before going to Bond Commission)
Naugatuck	Naugatuck- Howard Whittemore Memorial	088P-SC-18	\$ 40,000	Pending Local Funding (before going to Bond Commission)
New Britain	New Britain Public Library	089P-SC-18	\$ 250,000	Pending Local Funding (before going to Bond Commission)
New Milford	New Milford, Town of - New Milford Public	096P-SC-18	\$ 1,000,000	Pending Local Funding (before going to Bond Commission)
Pomfret	Pomfret, Town of - Pomfret Public	112P-SC-18	\$ 421,800	Pending Local Funding (before going to Bond Commission)
Stonington	Stonington Free Library	137P-SC-18	\$ 145,000	Pending Local Funding (before going to Bond Commission)

Public Library Construction Grants Program

Sec. 11-24c of the General Statutes authorizes the State Library Board to make construction grants to public libraries. Grant may be made in an amount up to one-half of the total construction cost, not to exceed one million dollars, for each approved project within the limits of the available funding for such projects.

The State Library Board is also authorized to make emergency repair grants to public libraries for emergency repairs to buildings and equipment, as approved by the board. The board may grant an amount up to one-half of the emergency repair cost, not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars for each approved emergency repair project within the limits of the available funding for such project.

This program provides grants for public library construction projects that create usable space (i.e. new buildings, additions, and renovations - known as Category #1 grants), and for projects that improve existing space (i.e. accessibility, correcting building and fire code violations, remodeling, and energy conservation - known as Category #2 grants). Your library's success in receiving a grant depends on completing all application requirements, including planning for a library that fulfills the library service needs of your community for many years to come.

Grants have to be filed on or before September first, annually. Staff in the Division of Library Development evaluate the applications and make recommendations to the State Library Board in November.

If a library is awarded a construction grant, they have 3 years for Category 1 grants and 1 year for Category 2 grants in which to raise the local funding necessary to begin their project, or the grant award will be forfeited. One-year extension requests must be approved by the State Library Board.

The deadline for initiating construction must not exceed 18 months from the date of State Bond Commission approval. If a grantee cannot start construction within this deadline, the State Library Board will consider the grantee's request for an extension, not to exceed one year. If additional time is needed, only one more on-year extension will be considered.