

Construction Grant

2019 TO 2022

Important Dates

July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2022: Project Period

After January 1, 2019: YOUR share of expenses can be spent

Monday, July 15: Member library deadline to submit Intent to Apply packet to Jan

Friday, July 26: Deadline to have a site visit from Jan

Saturday, July 27: Member library presentations to CCLS Board (at CCLS Headquarters),

Wednesday, August 14: CCLS Board of Trustees votes on final allocations

Thursday, August 15: Applicants notified of allocation decisions

Saturday, September 7: Deadline for successful applicants to complete online application

Approximately June- July 2020: Grant Awards Announced and 90% of State funds paid

➤ Within 180 days of announcement, work must commence on the project

Before June 30, 2022: Final Reports submitted for final 10% funding

Intent to Apply due July 15

Form:

- 1. Title
- 2. Description
- 3. Impact Statement
- 4. Rough Timeline
- 5. Project Cost

Attachments:

- 1. Proof of SHPO Approval or exemption is attached (if building is 50+)
- 2. Proof of 10-year lease if library does not own its building
- 3. Contractors Quotes are attached
- 4. Proof of available funds or fund raising plan

Presentations to CCLS Board

Saturday, July 27 @ CCLS Headquarters

Member library presentations to CCLS Board (at CCLS Headquarters). Present:

- 1. Project details, timeline, and budget
- 2. Proof of SHPO Approval (or in process) or bona fide exemption eligibility, and
- 3. Contractors Quotes

Presentations to CCLS Board

Saturday, July 27 @ CCLS Headquarters

- About 5 minutes, followed by questions from the CCLS Trustees (large, multifaceted projects may take longer to present)
- Describe why your project is important and what positive impacts it will have
- Bring stories about how your library is doing great things for the community
- Describe the budget and bring supporting quotes to back up all parts of the budget
- Bring pictures or any other materials that support your request
- A projector will be available should you have slides to display. If you bring handouts, please bring 10 copies of each.

Presentations to CCLS Board

Tips for Success

- Focus on content not format of presentation
- If using technology, touch base with Jan on what support you need
- Be prepared with an analog backup if using technology!
- Be clear about the need and positive impacts
- Demonstrate careful planning
- Be clear how you will come up with the matching funds
- Don't forget to talk about the wonderful things your library is doing for the community!

Basics: Amounts

- •"...libraries who received a construction grant award in any previous year are eligible to apply for funding... even if the project for which previous funding was received is not yet complete. However, a library cannot receive funding for the same project more than once."
- Projects cannot be completed at the time of application
- •The minimum grant award is \$2,500
- •CCLS has been allocated \$336,772 for its 36 libraries.
- •Grants can cover up to 75% of the project cost

Basics: What can be funded?

- Construction or acquisition of a library building, renovation or rehabilitation of a library building
- •The purchase and installation of equipment and furnishings are eligible costs within the context of a construction project application for a new building, building addition or substantially renovated/rehabilitated space.
- •Acquisition, site grading of owned property in conjunction with a building project, and supervision/management of the construction, renovation, or rehabilitation.
- •The purchase and installation of one or more generators.

Basics: What can be funded?

- •The program gives priority to projects that increase energy conservation, provide accommodation for computer equipment and new technologies (such as extending fiber connections to library buildings), and brings libraries into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- The purchase of new technologies must be within the context of a construction project for a new building, building addition, or a substantial renovation/rehabilitation project. Requests for new computers that are not intimately connected to a construction/rehabilitation project are not eligible for funding from this program.

Basics: What can be funded?

- •Commissioner Regulations specifically exclude "routine maintenance" from eligible funding categories. Projects with emphasis on repair and/or building upkeep and tasks that need to be done on an annual basis are generally considered to be routine maintenance. This includes tasks that involve keeping any sort of mechanical, plumbing or electrical device in working order (preventive maintenance).
- "Repairs are not eligible expenses in construction law. That word needs to be removed. Perhaps words like upgrade, renovation or restoration can be used."
- •Fees for architects and engineers can be included in the project cost, only as a part of the library's match

Basics: How is funding allocated?

All qualified projects will be evaluated and ranked in priority order using the following five criteria in this order from most important to least important:

- 1. Brings the library up to the State Minimum Standards (Education Law 90.2);
- 2. Improves access to and use of building services by all library users, including those with physical disabilities;
- Increases effectiveness of library service due to increased and/or improved building space and capacity;
- 4. Improves efficient utilization of the building, including such areas as energy conservation and increased staff efficiency (libraries are encouraged to support "green" projects that may result in buildings eligible for LEEDS certification);
- 5. Enables the library to provide and/or improve library services to geographically isolated or economically disadvantaged communities.

Basics: How is funding allocated?

Preference will be given to projects that demonstrate readiness using the following four criteria in this order from most to least important:

- 1. A clear and detailed plan of action is in place and the project has a high probability of success; if the project cost is projected to be over \$35,000, the Library has demonstrated a plan to follow recommend bidding procedures per General Municipal Law § 104-b: Procurement policies and procedures (for further guidance refer to the NY Office of the State Comptroller's Seeking Competition in Procurement guide);
- 2. Sufficient Matching funds have been raised or are on target to be raised;
- Project is urgent and any delay would be detrimental to the community;
- 4. Planning has involved the community and has inspired support from the community

First Step: SHPO

SHPO approval tends to take the longest. Start this first.

This is an <u>online</u> process.

"If your library building is 50 years old or older and/or the project involves ground disturbance and/or demolition, please read the following document to determine if your project requires a SHPO approval."

However, there are now exceptions...

First Step: SHPO

SHPO "Attachment/Appendix A" exception examples (not exhaustive):

- •Repair and replacement of site installed mechanical, electrical, and plumbing equipment (eg., an emergency generator or air cooled condenser) on the condition that no trim or architectural features are altered and that no ground disturbing work is proposed that will exceed the depth of previous undisturbed soil...
- •Repaving/resurfacing of existing paved areas, e.g., parking areas, where the proposed work does not exceed the depth of previous undisturbed soil.
- •Repair/ replacement-in-kind of exterior steps, platforms, stairs, ramps, and area ways
- •Repair/ replacement of flat roofs, roof hatches, roof drains, and rooftop mechanical, electrical, and plumbing equipment.
- •Repair/ replacement-in-kind of the surface materials on pitched roofs.

First Step: SHPO

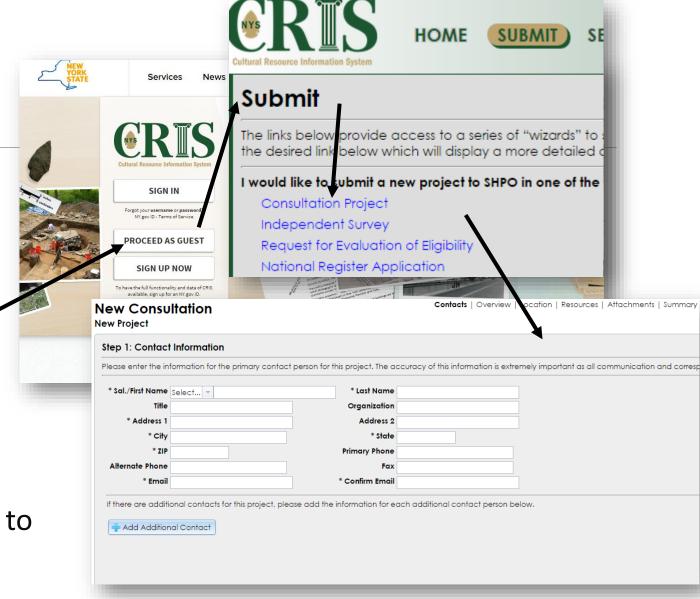
SHPO "Attachment/Appendix A" exception examples (not exhaustive) continued:

- •Masonry repair and repointing on up to 50% of a building on the condition that it follows the guidelines in Preservation Brief 2
- •Replacement of non-original windows that were installed in the 1960s or later with windows that either match the configuration and proportions of historic windows, the current configuration, or have one-over-one sash.
- •Installation or replacement of video surveillance cameras, fire alarm systems, and security systems on the condition that no trim or architectural features are altered.
- Repair and replacement-in-kind of ceilings.
- Elevator retrofits.
- Interior repainting

SHPO

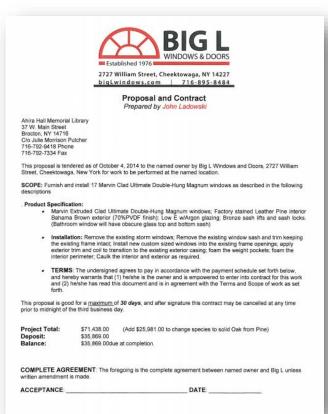
If Applicable...

- cris.parks.ny.gov
- Okay to submit as Guest
- "Submit" tab--"Consultation Project"
- Takes about 30 days, could be longer if more info is requested
- Approval letter will be emailed to you



Contractor quotes

- Watch the wording avoid "repairs"
- Cover all aspects of your project
- Quotes should match budget
- Implications of over- and under-budgeting



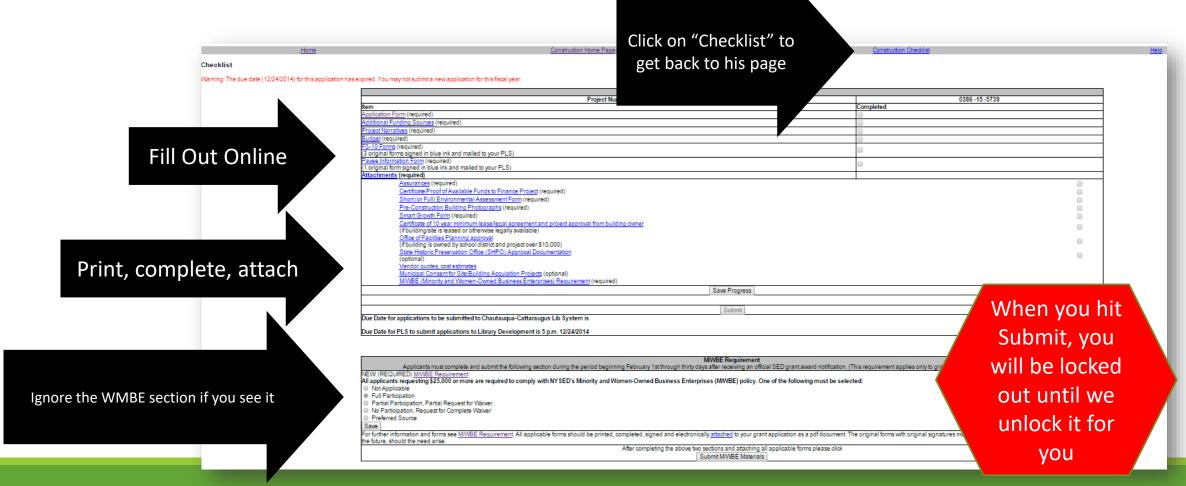
You will be notified ASAP as to the funding allocation decision

THE BOARD HOPES TO MAKE ALLOCATIONS DECISIONS BY THE END OF THE DAY JULY 27, AFTER WHICH JAN WILL BE IN TOUCH TO LET YOU KNOW YOUR LIBRARY'S ALLOCATION.

What follows is for funded projects only

(YOU WILL **NOT** NEED TO DO THIS PRIOR TO THE JULY 27 PRESENTATION MEETING)

Navigating the online portal



Checklist- Online Forms

- Budget
 - Purchased Services Contractors go here
 - Supplies and Materials
 - Equipment
- Budget Narrative Must be detailed enough that the reader understands where the \$ is going. This is a chance to demonstrate that you have done detailed planning.

| Purchased Services | | Supplies & Materials | <u>Equipment</u> |
|--|--------------------------|---|------------------|
| Service Type | Consultant/Vendor | Description | |
| Contractor | E.E. Austin | Renovate upper lobby and first floor toilet rooms, install new elevator and construct new teen area | |
| Cost* | AmtApproved | ExpSubmitted | ExpApproved |
| \$489,375 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| * Cost is the Cost of project for which fund | ling is being requested. | | |
| Purchased Service (Code 40) Totals | | | |
| Cost* | Amount Approved | Expense Submitted | Expense Approved |
| \$489,375 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Total for all Budget Categories | | | |
| Cost* | Amount Approved | Expense Submitted | Expense Approved |
| \$489,375 | \$0 | \$0 | \$ 0 |

Checklist- Online Forms

- Additional Funding Sources
 - They are now being more strict about this! You can no longer say that you are going to apply for the matching grant—they want proof that you got the matching grant.
 - As such, if you plan to apply for grants to match, but have not yet, please don't use them in the Additional Funding Sources section.

Checklist- Online Forms

- Project Narrative and Impact
 - Should be as long/detailed as it needs to be to fully describe the project
 - Even simple projects should be longer than one paragraph
 - This is your chance to demonstrate that there has been thought and detailed planning put into the development of the project
 - More complex projects should have longer narratives than simple projects
 - Be careful with your wording no regular maintenance!

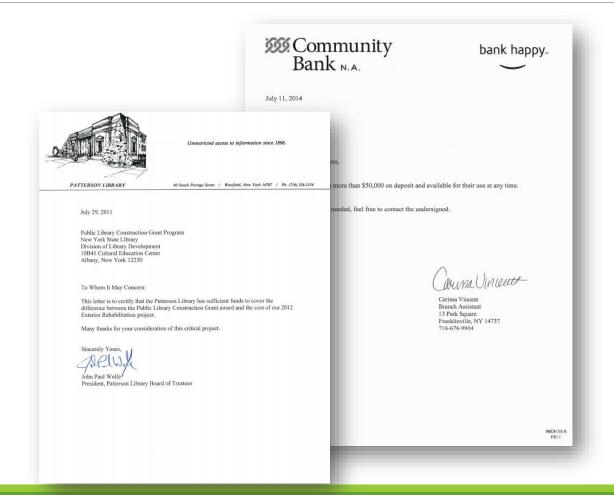
Checklist- Assurances

- Check first 3 boxes
- ...AND check the 4th box if you lease your building.

| The a | pplicant hereby gives assurances of the following (check all boxes that apply): |
|----------------|---|
| | It possesses the legal authority to submit this application including all understandings and assurances contained herein and to direct and authorize the person identified as the construction project manager to act as the official representative of the applicant in connection with this application and to provide such additional information as may be required. |
| | The project will begin land acquisition, construction, or continue construction work in the case of a project that has begun but is not complete as of the date of application to the library system, within 180 days after receipt of written notification from the State Education Department that state aid construction funds have been approved for the project, and that the conditions of the funding have been met. |
| | The project will be conducted in accordance with all applicable Federal, State, and local laws and regulations. |
| | In the event the library building or site of the construction project is leased by the applicant or otherwise legally available, the lease on the building or site or other legal agreement is for a minimum of 10** years from the date of the anticipated completion of construction, the owner is aware of and approves the proposed construction project, and the building is open to the public. |
| AUTH | ENTICATION OF APPLICATION |
| of Edu Comn | pplication completed in the preceding pages and accompanying documents for a library construction grant to be administered in accordance with the requirements ucation Law §273-a (as Amended by Chapter 57 of the Laws of 2007) and nissioner's Regulations §90.12 was read and duly adopted by the Board of TrusteesLibrary at a meeting on2016. |
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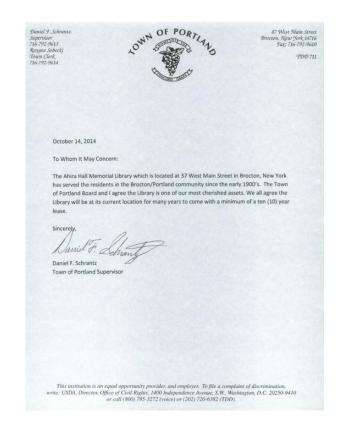
Checklist-Certification of Available Funds

- Bank Statement
- Letter from Bank
- Letter from Treasurer



Checklist-Certification of 10 Year Lease

- N/A if you own your building
- •Otherwise, a letter from the Municipality will suffice

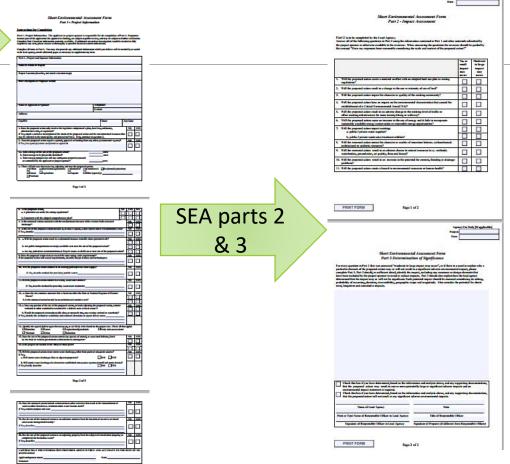


Checklist-Short Environmental

Assessment

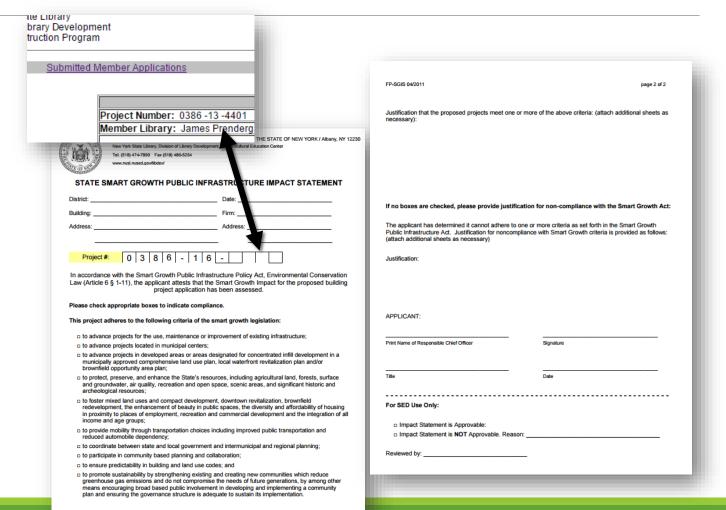
SEA part 1

- Note-- It is no longer "short"
- A Google Map will suffice for the map requirement
- Hopefully you will be able to say "no impact"
- Please be thorough, direct, brief with answers
- Use Long Form <u>only</u> if necessary
- Short Form comes in 3 parts, but only 2 documents!



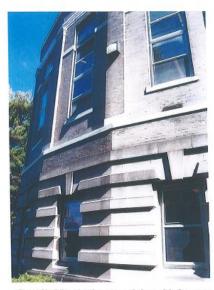
Checklist-Smart Growth form

- Enter Project Number
- Be thorough, brief, and to the point— no need to give a long Justification but don't skip it



Checklist- Photographs

- Smart use of photographs can help you build a case
- Paste photos into word and convert to a pdf, or upload jpegs directly
- Anything you mention in the narrative should correlate to a photograph illustrating the problem/solution or opportunity for improvement



Rear of building showing upper windows. It is the upper portion of the rear exterior that is in critical need of rehabilitation due to rusting steel lintels



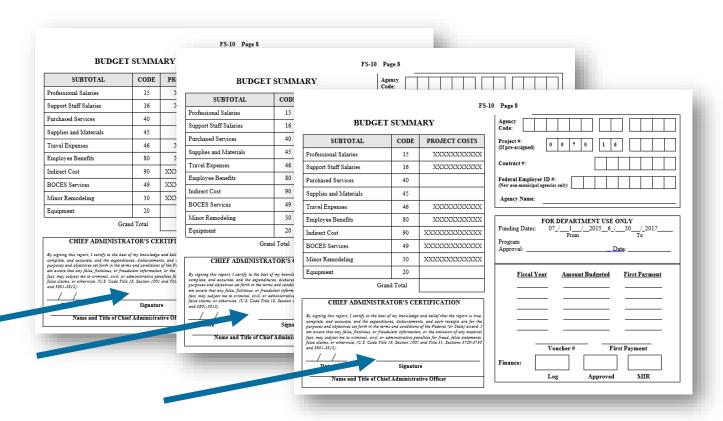




Front of Patterson Library

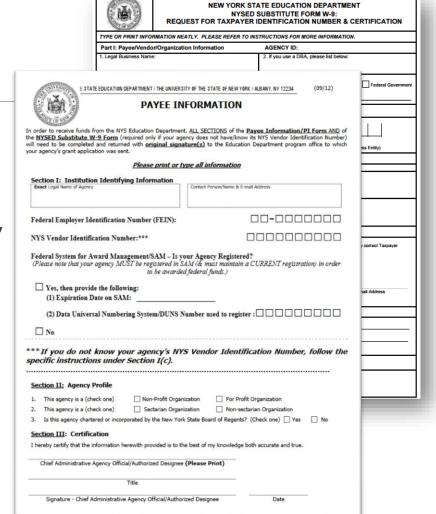
Checklist-FS 10 Form

- Print and send to Jan three copies signed in Blue Ink!
- Do NOT fill in \$ amounts, just sign!



Checklist- Payee Info Form

- "NOTE: Despite what is indicated on the Payee Information Form instructions, a substitute W-9 Form must be completed by all construction applicants, and it should be sent to your public library system, not directly to the State."
- Print, sign, and send to Jan.
- You do not need to provide a SAM or Duns number this year.



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Questions?

Contact Jan: jdekoff@cclslib.org

- Email is best for tracking purposes
- Jan will call by phone if something needs to be discussed

