



**PROJECT SUMMARIES**  
**New Jersey Library Construction Bond Act Round Two**

**Group A Projects**

**Library:** Dixon Homestead Library

**Applicant Name:** Dixon Homestead Library Board of Trustees

**County:** Bergen

**Project Name:** Dixon Homestead Library Barrier-free Improvements

**Total Cost:** \$197,450.00      **Grant Amount:** \$98,725.00

**Project Summary:** The Dixon Homestead Library located in Dumont, NJ aims to complete a barrier-free improvement project that will greatly enhance the Library site and provide ADA compliance on the lower-level and main floors of the existing facility. Accessibility issues have been commonly identified with the ground floor auditorium and main floor restrooms, making it imperative that these improvements are completed to ensure accessibility for residents of all abilities. The primary project scope includes the addition of barrier-free restrooms on the main floor and the installation of a new ADA restroom and ADA ramp on the lower-level, and ADA accessible water fountains on both levels. As such, this barrier-free project will increase access to the Library facilities for all Dumont residents, regardless of age or ability.

**Library:** Elizabeth Public Library

**Applicant Name:** Elizabeth Public Library

**County:** Union

**Project Name:** Roof Repair on Library in national Register of Historic Places

**Total Cost:** \$469,625.00      **Grant Amount:** \$234,813.00

**Project Summary:** An analysis by a certified architect has determined that the roofing systems at Elizabeth Public Library, 11 South Broad Street, are allowing water filtration into the building's attic as well as through the masonry cavity wall system. Slate tiles covering a portion of the original 1912 building need to be replaced where they are damaged or missing. The thermoplastic system on the flat roof of the original building, as well as on the 1920's and 1960's additions needs relamination at the seams and edges, while the sealant above wall counterflashing is past its useful life. Finally, there is water infiltration into the elevator tower wall system; the source of water infiltration is most likely through failing parging system on walls.

**Library:** Newark Public Library

**Applicant Name:** Newark Public Library Board of Trustees

**County:** Essex

**Project Name:** Foundational Repairs to Create the New Charles F. Cummings NJ Information Center

**Total Cost:** \$3,607,474.00      **Grant Amount:** \$1,764,447.00

**Project Summary:** The Newark Public Library (NPL) requests \$1,764,447 in project funding to extend the useful life of NPL's former business library located at 34 Commerce Street in Newark, New Jersey. The Project would remove existing, non-operable building infrastructure and systems (HVAC, plumbing,

flooring, ceilings, electrical and lighting) and replace them with modern systems in preparation for further rehabilitation of the building to become the new operations location for the Charles F. Cummings New Jersey Information Center (NJIC). The NJIC is a research-level statewide collection of materials relating to New Jersey, Essex County and Newark. It includes both historical and current information across multiple media. Upon completion, it will enable safe stewardship and conservation of special collections across NPL and significantly increase public access to materials.

**Library:** Frenchtown Public Library

**Applicant Name:** Frenchtown Public Library

**County:** Hunterdon

**Project Name:** Frenchtown Public Library Repair

**Total Cost:** \$140,000.00      **Grant Amount:** \$70,000.00

**Project Summary:** The Frenchtown Public Library is requesting a New Jersey State Bond Act Grant in the amount of \$70,000 to repair the existing library. The library is located on the ground floor of the municipal building. The proposed project consists of waterproofing the foundation, making repairs needed caused by water damage, including to the flooring, installing new carpet, making ADA upgrades to the entrance, doorways and bathrooms, replacing windows and repairing the ceiling, making electrical and lighting upgrades, purchasing and installing new computers and technology equipment, making HVAC upgrades, and purchasing new furniture. Upon project completion, the library will be able to offer more and enhanced library services.

**Library:** Clifton Memorial Library

**Applicant Name:** Clifton Memorial Library

**County:** Passaic

**Project Name:** Clifton Memorial Library Repair Project

**Total Cost:** \$378,300.00      **Grant Amount:** \$189,150.00

**Project Summary:** The Clifton Memorial Library is applying for grant funds to ameliorate water damage sustained throughout the interior of its building caused by its failing roof system. In the previous application cycle, the library applied for funds to repair its roof, however its application was not selected for funding, and it can no longer delay the repair which must be completed immediately before conditions inside become far worse. The library is requesting funds to repair the ceiling, windows, and wall coverings which have suffered significantly because of the failing roof system. Replacing these conditions will alleviate health and safety conditions particularly as they relate to mold, air quality and building efficiency.

**Library:** North Arlington Public Library

**Applicant Name:** North Arlington Public Library

**County:** Bergen

**Project Name:** North Arlington Public Library Repair Project

**Total Cost:** \$128,640.00      **Grant Amount:** \$64,320.00

**Project Summary:** The North Arlington Public Library is requesting grant funds to address structural deficiencies, substandard bathroom conditions and ADA compliance. The basement of the library experiences consistent flooding following rain events due to the grade of the building, and lack of a stormwater conveyance system. This persistent flooding has compromised the integrity of steel joists

which support the foundation of the building, found directly under the children's section. The proposal would implement positive drainage control outside of the building to mitigate future water damage and repair/replace the damaged joists. These improvements would allow for the possibility of the library expanding vertically in the future, which at present would not be safe. Additionally, this proposal addresses pre-ADA conditions within the men's and women's restrooms.

**Library:** Elizabeth Public Library

**Applicant Name:** Elizabeth Public Library

**County:** Union

**Project Name:** Branch Roof Repair

**Total Cost:** \$192,500.00      **Grant Amount:** \$96,250.00

**Project Summary:** The Elizabeth Public Library Elmora Branch began as a one-room space in 1953. As community needs expanded, additional rooms or spaces were added, including a meeting room and kitchen and lavatory facilities. While the initial footprint of the building has a shingled roof, the subsequent additions have flat thermoplastic roofing systems which remain intact. The original portion of the building has long been plagued with water infiltration issues; since approximately 2010, patching has been done without resolving the problem. The deterioration of the roof has led to the rotting of the portico at the building front entrance. The functionality of the roof will be improved with a seamed metal roof with an expected life span of 50 years.

**Library:** Elizabeth Public Library

**Applicant Name:** Elizabeth Public Library

**County:** Union

**Project Name:** Elmora Branch Parking Lot Repair

**Project Cost:** \$331,500.00      **Grant Amount:** \$165,750.00

**Project Summary:** The Elmora Branch of Elizabeth Public Library is, for its size, the most popular and well-used location. The current parking lot, and the connected driveways, is in extremely deteriorated condition, with multiple potholes, cracks and abraded striping, all impeding safe access by the elderly, caregivers with strollers, and those with disabilities. Both the lot and the driveways are beyond further patchwork repairs, lack perimeter curbing, and are prone to flooding due to poor grading and a lack of drainage. The resultant standing water is a potential health hazard. With the funding requested, we will expand the lot by two spaces, allowing specific parking for our community garden partners, add curbing, and increase the amount of ADA parking.

**Library:** Maurice M Pine Public Library

**Applicant Name:** Maurice M Pine Public Library

**County:** Bergen

**Project Name:** Maurice M Pine Public Library Improvements

**Total Cost:** \$1,000,000.00      **Grant Amount:** \$500,000.00

**Project Summary:** The Maurice M Pine Public Library, located in Bergen County, New Jersey, is respectfully requesting funding through the New Jersey Library Construction Bond Act Grant for the rehabilitation of the library elevator to allow for barrier-free access for library patrons with disabilities. The current elevator entrance does not meet the necessary width and depth to accommodate all visitors. This poses a significant difficulty, and in some cases makes it impossible, for library patrons with

disabilities who need access to the floors above and below the main entry-level floor. Project improvements include the complete replacement of the building elevator, construction of a new machine room for elevator equipment, and the widening of elevator doors. With the rehabilitation of the library's elevator, equal access will be attainable for all residents.

**Library:** SCLSNJ Bound Brook Memorial Library

**Applicant Name:** Borough of Bound Brook

**County:** Somerset

**Project Name:** SCLSNJ Bound Brook Memorial Library Branch Repair Project

**Total Cost:** \$512,080.00      **Grant Amount:** \$256,040.16

**Project Summary:** The SCLSNJ Bound Brook Memorial Library proposes a number of building repairs to 402 East High Street due to water infiltration. The source of the infiltration has been remediated; however, the library has been left in a state of disrepair. The building's masonry envelope and wood fenestration are deteriorating, interior plaster walls and ceilings are crumbling, and as such we suspect hazardous materials will be impacted upon this repair work. The scope is to include hazardous material assessment and abatement; partial roof replacement; gutter lining; parapet flashing; cupola and fenestration repair; interior plaster and painting work; front, rear, and side entrance door replacement; brick repointing; and shoring of structural elements.

**Library:** Atlantic City Free Public Library

**Applicant Name:** Board of Trustees of The Atlantic City Free Public Library

**County:** Atlantic

**Project Name:** Building Efficiency for the Future Project

**Total Cost:** \$568,000.00      **Grant Amount:** \$284,000.00

**Project Summary:** The Atlantic City Free Public Library (ACFPL) is requesting funding for the Building Efficiency for the Future Project to increase energy efficiency and improve air quality at the Main Library by repairing the heating, ventilating and air conditioning (HVAC) system and replacing the climate control system. These building components were installed 36 years ago when the Main Library opened and have exceeded their functioning service lifespan. The Main Library, located in the central business district of Atlantic City, provides critically needed educational, training and youth services to the community. Repeated emergency repairs to the HVAC system have jeopardized the continued operations of the library. This project will enable the ACFPL to continue to provide essential services to the residents of Atlantic City.

**Library:** Belleville Public Library

**Applicant Name:** Belleville Public Library

**County:** Essex

**Project Name:** Roof and Window Repairs

**Total Cost:** \$300,000.00      **Grant Amount:** \$150,000.00

**Project Summary:** The Township of Belleville is requesting \$150,000.00 to fund repairs to the Belleville Public Library. The proposed project seeks to resurface the library's roof and replace windows located on the library's second floor. These repairs will end the extensive water leakage on the second floor and drastically reduce the building's energy expenditure by improving insulation, respectively. These improvements will help to ensure safe, convenient, barrier-free access to library premises, enhance the

library's ability to serve as a public space and community center, and allow the Belleville Public Library to focus its attention toward expanding its repertoire of databases and other Internet-related assets.

**Library:** Clark Public Library

**Applicant Name:** Clark Public Library

**County:** Union

**Project Name:** Clark Public Library Project 1 HVAC

**Total Cost:** \$457,500.00      **Grant Amount:** \$228,750.00

**Project Summary:** The Clark Public Library is applying for the Library Construction Bond Act to repair the library's HVAC system. This repair will be bonded by the township and will replace the current outdated HVAC system. The upgraded HVAC mechanical system will help cut utility and maintenance costs due to the new HVAC system being more energy efficient and contributing to a positive environmental impact. The cost of the project is accurate and a good value for the township and the library. The repair of the library's HVAC mechanical system will enhance all spaces in the library by creating a comfortable and safe environment.

**Library:** Tinton Falls Public Library

**Applicant Name:** Tinton Falls Public Library Association

**County:** Monmouth

**Project Name:** 2021 Tinton Falls Library Improvements

**Total Cost:** \$435,000.00      **Grant Amount:** \$217,500.00

**Project Summary:** The Tinton Falls Public Library has been closed since August 2017 due to the presence of mold and subsequent deficiencies identified by the Tinton Falls Borough Engineer. In order for the Library to re-open to the public, the Borough advises the following repairs are needed: removing the existing trailer (mold source), removing the mold, upgrading the HVAC and electrical systems and completing various structural improvements. This matching grant will provide the funds needed to make these repairs and allow the Library to re-open; subsequently, the Library will resume operation and provide valuable services to its residents and surrounding communities.

**Library:** Weehawken Free Public Library

**Applicant Name:** Weehawken Free Public Library

**County:** Hudson

**Project Name:** Weehawken Free Public Library Repair Project

**Total Cost:** \$1,428,030.00      **Grant Amount:** \$714,015.00

**Project Summary:** The Weehawken Public Library's project proposal aims to: replace its outdated HVAC system, replace exterior windows, replace old light fixtures with energy efficient lighting, enhance its electrical delivery system to accommodate more outlets, improve public workstations to meet greater technological needs (workstation outlets, USB ports) and increase its Wi-Fi capacity. In September of 1942 the library opened its doors, remaining virtually unchanged until a renovation in 1997. The 1997 renovation and expansion were completed in 1999. The improvements to this building took place well before the proliferation of mobile devices and the technological revolution. This project will help the Weehawken Free Public Library meet the demand of the 21st century library user by providing a modern refuge to engage in lifelong learning.

**Library:** Bernards Township Library

**Applicant Name:** Bernards Township Library

**County:** Somerset

**Project Name:** Entry Repairs

**Total Cost:** \$190,085.00      **Grant Amount:** \$95,042.50

**Project Summary:** The Bernards Township Library respectfully submits this grant to secure funds to repair, upgrade and improve access to both our main and back entrances. Because these entrances are the gateway to the library, it is vital that these portals offer a welcoming atmosphere, accessibility for all mobilities, and for all ages. Libraries are vital institutions where patrons come to read, learn about new technologies, enjoy cultural lectures, programs and performances, and of course socialize. As the local population ages and becomes more diversified, library services will also need to increase. The entrances function not only as physical doorways, but as access to a world of opportunity. It is our hope to grow and expand our services as outlined in this submission.

**Library:** Free Public Library of the Borough of Madison

**Applicant Name:** Board of Trustees of the Free Public Library of the Borough of Madison

**County:** Morris

**Project Name:** Refreshing for Today; Preparing for Tomorrow

**Total Cost:** \$1,827,948.00      **Grant Amount:** \$913,974.00

**Project Summary:** The existing award-winning, Mid-20th century designed Madison Public Library building predates computer use in libraries, 21st century modalities of service, ADA barrier-free requirements, and current understandings of energy efficiency and asbestos health hazards. Asbestos in the ceilings prohibits necessary interior reconfigurations to realize our goal of meeting current patrons needs and library services. With 50% internal funding, this project will make possible planned improvements by:

- \* abating asbestos in the ceilings to permit necessary interior space reconfigurations and improvements in wiring and cabling
- \* replacing outdated smoke detectors with new addressable fire detectors
- \* making two adult restrooms barrier-free
- \* upgrading front entrance to promote equal and barrier-free access
- \* enhancing energy efficiency of our lighting, heating and cooling

**Library:** Atlantic County Library System

**Applicant Name:** County of Atlantic

**County:** Atlantic

**Project Name:** Egg Harbor Township Branch HVAC/Generator Project

**Total Cost:** \$1,098,027.00      **Grant Amount:** \$549,013.50

**Project Summary:** The Project consists of removing the existing boiler, cooling tower, air handling equipment, and associated water source heat pump compressors, and replacing them with new energy efficient systems to address heating, cooling, and humidity control compliant with current building codes and American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) standards. The new air-conditioning system will eliminate the use of ozone-depleting R-22, the

refrigerant currently in use. The Project also includes installing a new permanent natural gas-fired 100kW emergency generator, sized to handle the full electrical load of the branch, including its new HVAC systems.

**Library:** Atlantic County Library System

**Applicant Name:** County of Atlantic

**County:** Atlantic

**Project Name:** Galloway Township Branch HVAC/Generator Project

**Total Cost:** \$1,841,322.00      **Grant Amount:** \$920,661.00

**Project Summary:** The Project consists of removing the existing boilers, chiller, and air-handling equipment, and replacing them with new energy-efficient systems to provide heating, cooling, and humidity control compliant with current building codes and American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) standards. The new chiller will eliminate the use of the ozone-depleting R-22, the refrigerant currently in use. The Project also includes the installation of a new permanent natural gas-fired emergency generator, sized to handle the full electrical load of the branch, including its new HVAC systems.

**Library:** Chester Library

**Applicant Name:** Chester Library Board of Trustees

**County:** Morris

**Project Name:** Roof & Gutter Replacement

**Total Cost:** \$123,362.00      **Grant Amount:** \$61,681.00

**Project Summary:** The Chester Library, a joint library serving Chester Borough and Chester Township, is seeking funding to help defray the cost of replacing the library roof and gutters.

In 2004, with the aid of a NJ Library Construction Grant, the Chester Library completed a facility renovation and expansion, vastly improving our ability to offer programming and enhanced children's services. Since that time the building has begun to age and our roof has reached end-of-life. This winter was particularly hard on our gutters, which were damaged by the heavy load of ice and snow on them. We have experienced two significant leaks in the roof over the past few years, both temporarily repaired, but we cannot continue to risk the possibility of a serious leak.

**Library:** Plainfield Public Library

**Applicant Name:** Plainfield Public Library

**County:** Union

**Project Name:** Roof Replacement

**Total Cost:** \$1,132,307.00      **Grant Amount:** \$566,153.50

**Project Summary:** The Plainfield Public Library requests \$1,132,307.00 for a repair project to replace its 25-year-old flat roof and skylights. The roof has had numerous leaks and is at the end of its usable life. While Library Maintenance has been able to mitigate weather-related events up until this point, the situation, if not remedied, will worsen, causing significant water damage to the interior of the building affecting the collections, technology, and facilities, which would significantly impact services to the public. The roof's current state is inadequate for the City of Plainfield to proceed with its planned solar panel installation. With a total price of \$1,132,307.00 for an affected area of 25,344 square feet, the per square foot cost is \$44.68 which is below the required threshold.

**Library:** South River Public Library

**Applicant Name:** Board of Trustees for the South River Public Library

**County:** Middlesex

**Project Name:** Library HVAC Replacement Project

**Total Cost:** \$345,000.00      **Grant Amount:** \$172,500.00

**Project Summary:** South River Public Library was built in 1978. The replacement of the HVAC system is now an absolute necessity to maintain a safe and healthy library environment. The existing HVAC system is more than 44 years old and unreliable. It is unable to keep portions of the library at a comfortable temperature level at various times of the year. The cost of maintaining and repairing the inefficient 1970's technology HVAC system is no longer feasible or cost effective. Replacement parts are also difficult to find and expensive. Water and condensation are leaking from the HVAC system onto the library floor causing unsafe walking conditions for library staff and patrons. It is also causing damage to our ceiling tiles making mold a possible concern.

**Library:** Atlantic County Library System

**Applicant Name:** County of Atlantic

**County:** Atlantic

**Project Name:** Mays Landing Library HVAC/Generator Project

**Total Cost:** \$1,388,424.00      **Grant Amount:** \$694,212.00

**Project Summary:** The Project consists of removing the existing boiler, air handling equipment, and associated condensing units, and replacing them with new, energy-efficient systems to address heating, cooling, and humidity control compliant with current building codes and American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) standards. The new air conditioning system will eliminate the use of ozone-depleting R-22, the refrigerant currently in use. The Project will further address installing a new permanent natural gas-fired emergency generator, sized to handle the full electrical load of the building, including its new HVAC systems.

**Library:** Nutley Free Public Library

**Applicant Name:** Board of Trustees of the Nutley Free Public Library

**County:** Essex

**Project Name:** Nutley Library HVAC Replacement and Modifications

**Total Cost:** \$568,230.00      **Grant Amount:** \$284,115.05

**Project Summary:** In a normal year, our Library has more than 150,000 patron visits. It is an essential part of the Nutley community providing services, meeting rooms and programs of many types for all ages. To continue to provide these services, the HVAC system must be replaced. HVAC contractors have advised that certain components are discontinued and that the aged system should be replaced with a modern, energy-efficient one. When the system fails completely, as it has done for temporary periods on a number of occasions, the Library will need to close on many hot and cold days. While the township has agreed to provide the matching funds, its finances are extremely stressed because it lost its biggest taxpayer, therefore, the grant is badly needed.



**Library:** Emerson Public Library

**Applicant Name:** Emerson Public Library

**County:** Bergen

**Project Name:** Roof Repair and Solar Panel Installation at Emerson Public Library

**Total Cost:** \$310,800.00      **Grant Amount:** \$155,400.00

**Project Summary:** The Emerson Public Library makes this application to the New Jersey Library Construction Bond Act with intentions to fund the repair and replacement of the Emerson Public Library's roof with a subsequent installation of a rooftop solar panel system. This project will enable the Emerson Public Library to proceed with urgent functional repairs and upgrades to our facility's roof. The 30-year-old roof has experienced leaks, holes, dislodged shingles and has exceeded its lifespan. The objective of this proposal is to extend the useful life of our library while also reducing energy costs and the environmental footprint of our library facility, ensuring longevity for patrons and staff of the Emerson Public Library in Emerson, New Jersey.

**Library:** Summit Free Public Library

**Applicant Name:** Summit Free Public Library Board of Trustees

**County:** Union

**Project Name:** Summit Free Public Library Generator Project

**Total Cost:** \$367,146.00      **Grant Amount:** \$183,573.00

**Project Summary:** The Summit Free Public Library, located in Summit, New Jersey, is respectfully requesting funding through the New Jersey Library Construction Bond Act Grant for the installation of a permanent, natural gas-powered generator. This generator will enable the Library facility's major electrical, heating, and cooling systems to run in the event of a power outage, thereby providing an emergency center where patrons can continually access Wi-Fi, public computers, and vital resources and materials. With this generator, Library services can remain open and continue to operate special programs and events in the event of an emergency. As such, this project will solidify the Library's role as an emergency center and ensure that patrons and Summit residents have continual access to a comfortable, welcoming, and safe environment.

## **Group B**

**Library:** South Orange Public Library

**Applicant Name:** South Orange Public Library

**County:** Essex County

**Project Name:** Renovation to Historic Connett Library, 1968 Building, and New Connector

**Total Cost:** \$13,360,383.00      **Grant Amount:** \$6,529,148.00

**Project Summary:** South Orange Public Library requests \$6,529,148 to create a dynamic, accessible library with ample public spaces. This project is a cost-effective solution that addresses deficits in functionality and building standards by rehabilitating the 9,300 sq.ft. Connett building (our historic, former library), renovating the 17,200 sq.ft. current library (built in 1968), and constructing a 4,200 sq.ft. link between the two. It increases overall square footage by 44%, yielding a 30,700 sq.ft. 21st century library that will serve the community's diverse, growing, and evolving needs for generations. The grant

will be matched 1:1 by the Township of South Orange Village and has \$302,088 in additional funding for a project cost of \$13,360,383.

**Library:** Union City Public Library

**Applicant Name:** Union City Public Library Board of Trustees

**County:** Hudson

**Project Name:** Union City Public Library Renovation and Addition

**Total Cost:** \$6,473,173.00      **Grant Amount:** \$3,236,586.50

**Project Summary:** Union City Public Library aims to undergo a renovation and addition to the Main Library building that will create a barrier-free environment, address the City's digital divide, and provide a modern, central community space in our underserved community. The proposed project will provide access to individuals who cannot currently access a majority of the library. This renovation and addition will include STEAM rooms; dedicated teen space; new technology such as laptops, tablets, and other devices; facility upgrades to electric, HVAC, and the roof; a to-code fire alarm and sprinkler system; and ADA-compliant restrooms, elevator, and redesigned shelving for wheelchair access. The renovation and addition will not only provide more space and resources for patrons, but also make library services equally accessible.

**Library:** Maywood Public Library

**Applicant Name:** Maywood Public Library Board of Trustees

**County:** Bergen

**Project Name:** Hal Bloom Memorial Young Adult Center

**Total Cost:** \$1,400,175.00      **Grant Amount:** \$700,088.00

**Project Summary:** The project entails renovation of the Young Adult section to incorporate unused space on the Library's lower level and upgrades to the children's area to make it a more accessible and welcoming space. Middle school children comprise a significant portion of the Library's traffic, but the current space is inadequate to serve them efficiently and without disruption to adult patrons who are concurrently using the Library's resources. The project also includes the creation of innovative spaces such as an amphitheater for performances and lectures and a Makerspace for hands-on programming and classes. These improvements will help create an inclusive environment that enhances the Library's ability to perform its mission of enriching the community and promoting lifelong learning for patrons of all ages.

**Library:** The Free Public Library of the Borough of Woodland Park

**Applicant Name:** The Trustees of the Free Public Library of Woodland Park

**County:** Passaic

**Project Name:** Alfred H. Baumann Free Public Library-Woodland Park

**Total Cost:** \$5,767,153.00      **Grant Amount:** \$2,883,577.00

**Project Summary:** The Trustees are proposing an inclusive and thoughtful rehabilitation and expansion that will permit increased accessibility with ADA and barrier free improvements. The addition will include a larger children's room with emergency exits, teen area, offices, generator, amphitheater, and outdoor plaza. A divisible community room, conference room and new bathrooms will be available for programs and meetings after the main library closes. The renovations will create a dedicated computer and innovation lab, flexible lounge and study space, storage space, "floating" service points, a double-

sided electric fireplace, art exhibit space, and a redesigned entrance. The plan includes new furniture, flooring, decor and a new infrastructure. Historical artifacts will be included into the design keeping the rich history of Woodland Park alive for generations to come.

**Library:** Hillside Public Library

**Applicant Name:** Township of Hillside

**County:** Union

**Project Name:** Hillside Public Library Construction Project

**Total Cost:** \$7,992,875.00      **Grant Amount:** \$3,996,437.50

**Project Summary:** The Hillside Public Library aims to construct a new library facility that will allow for increased programming and an enhanced experience for residents. This project calls for the implementation of a new facility that will include a computer lab open to the public. To better support the Township's school population, this project also calls for the implementation of a specific space for young adults, with amenities to make the space functional and attractive for students to utilize after school. The facility will also include new quiet spaces, and tech/maker spaces. This construction project will provide all of the essential and new services for Hillside residents.

**Library:** Trenton Free Public Library

**Applicant Name:** Trenton Free Public Library Board of Trustees

**County:** Mercer

**Project Name:** Renovations to the Trenton Free Public Library Project

**Total Cost:** \$604,500.00      **Grant Amount:** \$302,250.00

**Project Summary:** The Trenton Free Public Library, located on Academy Street in Trenton, NJ is requesting funding from the New Jersey Library Construction Bond Act Grant Program to complete the Renovations to the Trenton Free Public Library Project. This project will make improvements to the second floor of the site which is extremely problematic and in need of rehabilitation. The current layout of the second floor does not allow for adequate function of the needs of the staff or patrons. With the funds requested in this proposal, the Trenton Free Public Library will be able to improve the existing conditions, ensuring the second floor will continue to be a welcoming space for many years to come.

**Library:** Ocean County Library

**Applicant Name:** Ocean County Library Commission

**County:** Ocean

**Project Name:** Stafford Library

**Total Cost:** \$9,648,000.00      **Grant Amount:** \$4,824,000.00

**Project Summary:** The construction of a new Stafford Branch of the Ocean County Library will provide needed social infrastructure in southern Ocean County for library services, community partnerships and interpersonal connections to support population growth and to provide resiliency in times of natural disasters and emergencies. The new library will be 19,700 s.f. and built on land owned by the County of Ocean located at the nexus of state roads serving as coastal evacuation routes. The library will serve as the community anchor in the Ocean County Southern Service Center complex and have a full-building generator, needed community spaces, state-of-the art technologies, public computers, shelving for 40-50% more books and new services including teen area, study rooms, maker space and sensory space.

**Library:** Highland Park Public Library

**Applicant Name:** Highland Park Public Library

**County:** Middlesex

**Project Name:** Main Branch Renovations and Modernization to Meet Community Needs

**Total Cost:** \$944,929.00      **Grant Amount:** \$472,464.00

**Project Summary:** The Highland Park Public Library renovation project will completely redesign the original 1959 building, last updated in 1994. The renovation will provide for more flexible seating and meeting space; increased accessibility to free, open Internet and public laptops and desktop PCs; additional power outlets for mobile devices and STEM programming; and updated and improved facilities, specifically public restrooms and redesigned customer service points. The library will reimagine existing layouts and space for children and teens with the user in mind, and support better access to library resources for all through a refreshed collection, displays and merchandising. The HPPL renovation project will enhance the experience of all members of the community as well as attract and inspire a new generation of lifelong library users and supporters.

**Library:** Edison Township Free Public Library (Edison Public Library)

**Applicant Name:** Edison Public Library Board of Trustees

**County:** Middlesex

**Project Name:** North Edison Branch Addition and Rehabilitation Project

**Total Cost:** \$3,000,000.00      **Grant Amount:** \$1,500,000.00

**Project Summary:** The Edison Public Library (Edison PL) is requesting \$1,500,000 in funding from the NJ State Library Construction Bond grant in order to expand and rehabilitate the North Edison Branch. This branch is the Township's most active branch, within walking distance of several local schools and centrally focused in a residential area. In order to ensure this site is meeting the needs of patrons, the Edison PL believes work is needed to update the site's features, making the site more functional and aesthetically pleasing to attract a 21st Century patronage. With the requested funding, the Edison PL will expand the North Edison Branch, creating a flexible community space with expansive seating, as well as rehabilitate the existing interior to create spaces to better serve the community.

**Library:** Long Branch Free Public Library

**Applicant Name:** Long Branch Public Library Board

**County:** Monmouth

**Project Name:** Renovations to the Long Branch Free Public Library

**Total Cost:** \$6,200,000.00      **Grant Amount:** \$3,100,000.00

**Project Summary:** The Long Branch Public Library is applying for a New Jersey Library Construction Bond Act Grant in the amount of \$3,100,000 for a major renovation of the 23,500 square-foot Carnegie Library that will include a teen area, autism sensory room, a business center, and social work office. Improvements will also be made to fully reclaim the lower library level, which suffered water and mold damage during past catastrophic storms. These improvements include waterproofing and a new emergency generator with sufficient KW capacity to also run a large capacity external pumping system.

When completed it will be a self-contained library and community resource center without shared space. The total project cost is \$6,200,000 and a LCBA Grant in the amount of \$3,100,000 is being requested.