

Maryland State Department of Education  
 Division of Library Development and Services  
 County Public Library Capital Projects Grants Program

**SYNOPSIS OF RECOMMENDED PROJECTS FOR FY 2010 WITH RECOMMENDED FUNDING**

<b>COUNTY</b>	<b>SYNOPSIS OF PROJECT</b>	<b>AMOUNT REQUESTED</b>	<b>AMOUNT RECOMMENDED</b>
<b>Allegany</b> South Cumberland	Conduct an architectural and engineering review of the facility and prepare design documents and drawings to renovate and reconfigure the South Cumberland library. The design documents and drawings will provide cost-effective solutions to existing barriers to delivery of needed library services. Specific concerns include: an inflexible layout to accommodate spatial change and modern services, poor lighting for contemporary uses, it consumes too much energy, it is not universally accessible, has relatively high maintenance costs, a sinking floor due to decomposing infill causing structural steel beams to pull away from the block walls, and a roof in need of replacement.	\$30,000	\$30,000
<b>Baltimore</b> Randallstown	By redesigning the entrance to the Randallstown Library and reconfiguring the current space to expand the children's area, story time and tutoring rooms, the library will become a more valuable community asset. The current entrance requires a person to either go up a steep flight of 9 stairs which is problematic for persons with disabilities, parents with children in strollers, and the elderly. The project will re-design the entrance to make it more accessible.	\$255,000	\$255,000
<b>Baltimore City</b> (Enoch Pratt) Canton	Renovate the Canton Library, the last remaining branch of the four original Pratt branches which opened in 1886. The library will be completely renovated and modernized with new mechanical, electrical, and safety systems. The renovation will provide for improved access for the disabled and will provide more flexibility for programming and community meetings than the current space configuration. The Canton community has experienced an upsurge in home ownership and business development and ranks among the top ten branch libraries in circulation.	\$400,000	\$400,000
<b>Caroline</b> Denton	Construct a "Teen Zone" area in its Central Library in Denton. As the library continues to emphasize youth services, enhanced support for teen use of the library is an important element. The area will be used as a centerpiece for increased teen services and programming. The project supports a number of the library's strategic plan objectives as well.	\$50,000	\$50,000
<b>Carroll</b> Westminster	Renovate the Westminster Branch. Funds would allow for the completion of a children's service area, including an emergent literacy area which the branch does not now have, and to complete exterior work including renovating the library park which serves as the main entrance to the library. The exterior renovation includes a permanent decking area for library and community programs and events, replacement of all sidewalks, which are worn, patched and uneven after 28 years of hard use, and new landscaping to make the park accessible and more functional. The goal of this project is to bring more people into the park area and increase its flexibility for use as a venue for library programs and community events.	\$200,000	\$200,000
<b>Carroll</b> Eldersburg	Funds are requested for the following service enhancements at the Eldersburg Branch: to install a drive up service window in response to repeated customer requests, and provide lockers for 24/7 service; to create an additional parking lot entrance that would improve traffic flow and ease congestion in front of the library (which records more than 200,000 visits per year); to replace carpet necessitated by a new branch layout; and to repair rather than replace shelving that has been weakened over the past 25 years. This can be done at one quarter the cost of total shelf replacement and offers the green benefit of continuing to use existing material.	\$165,000	\$165,000

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<b>Cecil</b> North East	Purchase a site for a new public library branch capable of providing comprehensive 21 <sup>st</sup> Century library services to the rapidly growing town and greater community of North East. The population of the North East region is currently over 21,000 and is projected to grow to 35,500 by 2030—an increase of 90% from the year 2000. The current 2,800 sq. ft. North East Branch cannot begin to adequately serve this sizable and growing part of our county.	\$800,000	\$730,000
<b>Harford</b> Churchville	Build a 13,500 gross square foot green public library building in the Churchville area of the county with a 1,500 net square foot science center for elementary and middle school children. HCPL is pursuing LEED certification at the silver level for the Churchville Library by designing and constructing a building that earns points for satisfying LEED criterion in five environmental categories. The Churchville Library is being developed in partnership with the Harford County Parks & Recreation Department using a library/recreation center model to serve a projected county population of 257,000 by 2010. 20,000 jobs are expected within the next five years and this project will create an environmental learning opportunity as well as creating a science center in the library for children to learn that science is fun, exciting and has a direct connection in their everyday lives and future careers.	\$500,000	\$500,000
<b>Harford</b> Whiteford	Expand the 7,316 square foot Whiteford Library Branch to 14,000 square feet of operating space. Components of the project include engineering/design, construction, inspection fees, equipment and furnishings. Since its construction in 1990, the Whiteford Library Branch has experienced significant increases in circulation and walk-ins, and the current building size limits the ability to provide appropriate resources, programs and services to the community. Request is for funding for shelving in the newly expanded Whiteford Library Branch.	\$400,000	\$300,000
<b>Howard</b> New Miller Branch	Long range facilities reports in 1992, 1994 and 1999 indicated the Miller Branch Library required renovation by 2005. A 2004 master plan also confirmed that the current facility is undersized by a factor of three and that a 63,000 square foot building is required to meet the needs of the Ellicott City service area. The library has acquired a site and appropriated funds for design and site preparation during FY 2009. This proposal is for construction.	\$9,125,000	\$730,000
<b>Prince George's</b> Greenbelt	The Greenbelt Branch Library was constructed in 1970 and since that time has undergone only minor cosmetic enhancements. This project includes demolishing the existing adult and children's Information Desks, creating a single ADA-compliant access point to provide customer service (both information and circulation), installing an energy efficient lighting system, refurbishing the meeting room and staff kitchens, and painting the interior. The project will provide improvements to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act, increase energy efficiency, and offer increased customer service.	\$320,000	\$320,000
<b>Washington</b> Main Library Hagerstown	Renovate and Expand the Central Library of the Washington County Free Library System in Hagerstown. Space needs studies done in 1990, 2000 and 2006 described the woeful inadequacies of the Central Library in terms of physical plant, collections, programs and services. Not only is the library undersized for current conditions but cannot handle the accelerating population growth. The Hagerstown Library serves as the anchor for the downtown Arts and Entertainment District and therefore must remain in its current location.	\$1,000,000	\$700,000

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<b>Wicomico</b> Main Library Salisbury	Acquire a site for the replacement of the main Wicomico County library facility. The current main library facility was built in 1914 and last renovated in 1978. In addition to being the primary service point for library services in the county, it hosts the Eastern Shore Regional Library. The building presents escalating maintenance costs with an aging building, accessibility barriers, and structural barriers to computer and programming usage. The facility cannot meet the needs identified for a 21st century library.	\$600,000	\$600,000
<b>Wicomico</b> Pittsville	Relocate, enlarge and enhance the Pittsville Branch of the Wicomico Public Library. The Pittsville Branch was started as a pilot project in 2006, housed in an aging 12'x60' construction trailer on the site of a rural elementary and middle school. The Board of Education offered an opportunity to relocate to a site in the front of the school with far better public access and room for a larger facility. The library, with assistance from the Board of Education, Town of Pittsville, and Wicomico County, plans to place a larger, more attractive sales office style portable unit on the larger space. Funds are requested here to meet the unanticipated additional costs of related to the relocation (parking area, walkways, security lighting, etc.).	\$20,000	\$20,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$13,865,000</b>	<b>\$5,000,000</b>