

For Consideration of 25% Match to the Public Library Construction Grant

For libraries located in an economically disadvantaged community, MVLS may provide up to 75% of the total project approved costs from funds allocated for the New York State Public Library Construction Grant. This will take effect beginning April 1, 2012.

An economically disadvantaged community shall be defined as communities that meet one of the following criteria:

- A political subdivision that has 11 percent or more of its population living in poverty as shown in the latest federal census.
- The percentage of student enrollment in a public school district eligible for free and reduced lunch under the National School Lunch Program that is 35 percent or more for at least one month during the twelve months prior to the date of filing of the grant application.
- Support a member library that is located in a designated disaster area either by the State or Federal Governments for a period of 5 years from designation.