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Connecticut Public Library Construction Grant Funding

Please support
FY 2010
Funding for:

- Connecticutcard
- Connecticut Library Consortium (InfoAnytime)
- Construction Grants
- iCONN: Connecticut's Research Engine
- Statewide Library System Funding

Towns planning construction

Bethlehem	New Canaan
Brookfield	New Hartford
Cheshire	Oxford
East Haven	Rocky Hill
Fairfield	Sprague
Groton	Thomaston
Haddam	Vernon
Hartford	Washington
Kent	Waterbury
Meriden	Woodbridge
New Britain	

Did You Know . . .

Section 11-24c of the General Statutes of Connecticut states:

The State Library Board shall make construction grants to public libraries established pursuant to this chapter. The board shall:

- (1) Establish criteria for the purpose of developing a priority listing of all construction projects.
- (2) Grant an amount equal to one-third of the total construction cost, not to exceed one million dollars for each approved project within the limits of available appropriation for such projects.

**Current funding: \$3.5 million nondistressed municipalities
\$5 million distressed municipalities**

**The Connecticut Library Association requests: \$5 million for nondistressed municipalities
\$5 million for distressed municipalities**

- In these tough economic times, these library construction projects provide much-needed jobs in the construction industry.
- Since 1985, 243 public library projects have benefited from these grants, yet 29% of library buildings in Connecticut are still more than 25 years old and 29% are not totally handicapped accessible.
- Without these grants many public libraries would not be able to improve their library buildings
- Knowing that the funding will be available year after year assists public libraries in planning their projects.
- Public libraries that apply for the construction grant receive free consulting from State Library staff to design the best possible library.