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Introduction

The Pennsylvania General Assembly passed legislation (Act 50) in 1993 to establish the Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund. The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE), through the Office of Commonwealth Libraries, administers the public library portion of this program through a competitive grant process. The competitive grant is used to award planning, acquisition, construction and rehabilitation grants to municipalities that sponsor state-aided public libraries.

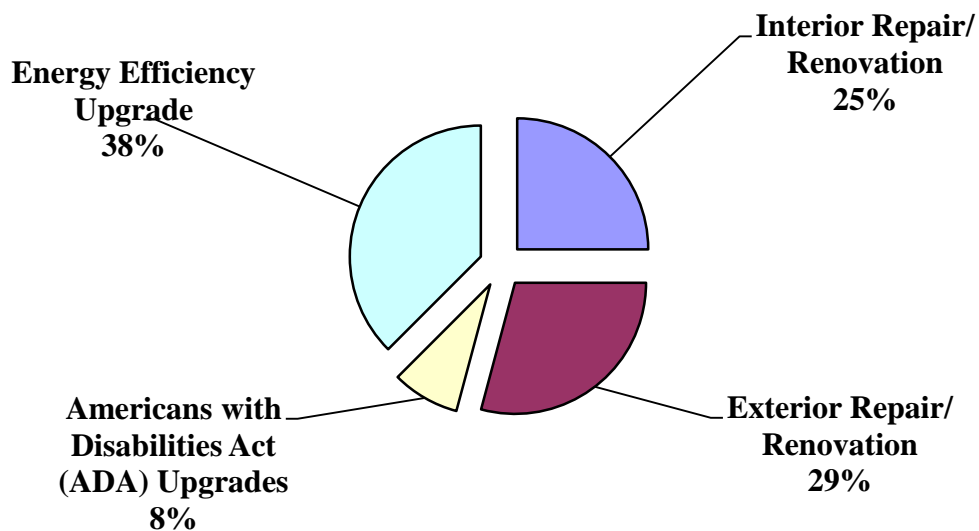
Grants are awarded to municipalities for up to 50 percent of eligible costs for facilities projects at public libraries. A dollar-for-dollar match is required for each awarded grant. By providing funds to public libraries to make critical repairs, renovate existing space or to build new public library buildings, the General Assembly has ensured better facilities to provide vital library services to Pennsylvania citizens.

Act 61 of 2011 requires PDE to submit to the Governor and the General Assembly an annual report of the projects and services provided by the Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund. This report, which pertains to the period of July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012, meets that mandate.

2011 Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund Projects

In 2011, the Office of Commonwealth Libraries received 19 applications from municipalities on behalf of their public libraries. All grant applications were reviewed by a team of evaluators and approval for funding was given to all 19 library projects for a total of \$586,069. Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund grants may not exceed 50 percent of the total project cost. Therefore, each project was required to provide a dollar-for-dollar match of the grant awarded. The following chart illustrates the types of projects that were approved.

2011 Project Type



Summary of 2011 Projects

Grant Recipient: Ford City Borough (Armstrong County)

Project: Ford City Public Library

Granted \$10,858 for non-routine maintenance to an upgrade to both interior and exterior lighting to improve utilization, accessibility, and safety of the library.

Total project cost: \$21,716

Amount requested: \$10,858

Matching funds: \$10,858

Contract expiration date: 9/30/2013

Grant Recipient: Luzerne County

Project: Osterhout Free Library

Granted \$49,506 for a new asphalt roof; the replacement of an air conditioning unit; to repair or replace windows as needed; to install a new exterior awning; replace electrical circuits and outlets; and to upgrade security system.

Total project cost: \$99,013

Amount requested: \$49,506

Matching funds: \$49,507

Contract expiration date: 9/30/2013

Grant Recipient: City of Lock Haven (Clinton County)

Project: Annie Halenbake Ross Library

Granted \$26,680 to replace a 30-year-old roof; to repair and refurbish exterior walls, windows, and doors; and to upgrade the emergency lighting system for improved accessibility and safety.

Total project cost: \$53,360

Amount requested: \$26,680

Matching funds: \$26,680

Contract expiration date: 9/30/2013

Grant Recipient: Springfield Township (Delaware County)

Project: Springfield Township Library

Granted \$37,500 to replace 50 windows to increase energy efficiency.

Total project cost: \$75,000

Amount requested: \$37,500

Matching funds: \$37,500

Contract expiration date: 9/30/2013

Grant Recipient: Municipality of Mt. Lebanon (Allegheny County)

Project: Mt. Lebanon Public Library

Granted \$50,000 for non-routine maintenance to improve accessibility and energy efficiency which includes: the replacement of automatic doors at two entrances; an upgrade to lighting fixtures, the and replacement of existing bathroom fixtures with hands-free models.

Total project cost: \$103,091

Amount requested: \$50,000

Matching funds: \$53,091

Contract expiration date: 9/30/2013

Grant Recipient: Borough of Norwood (Delaware County)

Project: Norwood Public Library

Granted \$9,200 to install an ADA compliant bathroom.

Total project cost: \$18,400

Amount requested: \$9,200

Matching funds: \$9,200

Contract expiration date: 9/30/2013

Grant Recipient: Bedford County

Project: Everett Free Library

Granted \$15,258 to replace roof shingles and worn carpeting, and to install entry doors that will aid in increasing energy efficiency in the building.

Total project cost: \$30,515

Amount requested: \$15,258

Matching funds: \$15,258

Contract expiration date: 9/30/2013

Grant Recipient: Lycoming County

Project: James B. Brown Library

Granted \$3,000 to replace carpet that was recently deemed a safety hazard because of its worn condition.

Total project cost: \$6,000

Amount requested: \$3,000

Matching funds: \$3,000

Contract expiration date: 9/30/2013

Grant Recipient: Bucks County

Project: Bucks County Free Library

Granted \$32,500 to resurface parking lot, to replace/repair parking blocks, curbing and walkway due to serious safety issues with current condition.

Total project cost: \$65,000

Amount requested: \$32,500

Matching funds: \$32,500

Contract expiration date: 9/30/2013

Grant Recipient: Municipality of Murrysville (Westmoreland County)

Project: Murrysville Community Library

Granted \$50,000 to expand the children's library from 1870 sq. ft. to 2615 sq. ft., and to renovation and modernize the new space to increase accessibility.

Total project cost: \$100,000

Amount requested: \$50,000

Matching funds: \$50,000

Contract expiration date: 9/30/2013

Grant Recipient: Nazareth Borough (Northampton County)

Project: Memorial Library of Nazareth

Granted \$10,000 to replace a 50-year-old furnace with a more energy efficient system.

Total project cost: \$25,000

Amount requested: \$10,000

Matching funds: \$15,000

Contract expiration date: 9/30/2013

Grant Recipient: City of Lancaster (Lancaster County)

Project: Lancaster Public Library

Granted \$50,000 to replace the roof on main library building.

Total project cost: \$281,461

Amount requested: \$50,000

Matching funds: \$231,461

Contract expiration date: 9/30/2013

Grant Recipient: City of Pittston (Luzerne County)

Project: Pittston Memorial Library

Granted \$30,000 to reorganize and renovate library space into an area for seniors with new work space and bathroom facility, to install energy efficient lighting; and sound baffling improvements.

Total project cost: \$64,073

Amount requested: \$30,000

Matching funds: \$34,073

Contract expiration date: 9/30/2013

Grant Recipient: Cumberland County

Project: Bosler Memorial Library

Granted \$36,500 to replace standing seam metal roof on the original library structure which was constructed in 1899. At the time of the roof replacement insulation will be installed since currently there is no insulation in this area.

Total project cost: \$73,000

Amount requested: \$36,500

Matching funds: \$36,500

Contract expiration date: 9/30/2013

Grant Recipient: Myerstown Borough (Lebanon County)

Project: Myerstown Community Library

Granted \$15,817 to repair and expand the library's parking area to insure safety and accessibility for all library users.

Total project cost: \$31,635

Amount requested: \$15,817

Matching funds: \$15,818

Contract expiration date: 9/30/2013

Grant Recipient: Jenkintown Borough (Montgomery County)

Project: Jenkintown Library

Granted \$10,000 to restore the rear and side of the building, which includes; windows, window frames, and outside wall repair.

Total project cost: \$20,000

Amount requested: \$10,000

Matching funds: \$10,000

Contract expiration date: 9/30/2013

Grant Recipient: Stroud Township (Monroe County)

Project: Eastern Monroe Public Library

Granted \$50,000 to replace rooftop HVAC units for better efficiency.

Total project cost: \$100,000

Amount requested: \$50,000

Matching funds: \$50,000

Contract expiration date: 9/30/2013

Grant Recipient: Upper Southampton Township (Bucks County)

Project: Southampton Free Library

Granted \$49,250 for interior upgrades to include carpeting, dry wall, electrical outlets and light switch upgrades.

Total project cost: \$98,500

Amount requested: \$49,250

Matching funds: \$49,250

Contract expiration date: 9/30/2013

Grant Recipient: Borough of Ephrata (Lancaster County)

Project: Ephrata Public Library

Granted \$50,000 to replace HVAC system for a new and more efficient model.

Total project cost: \$273,000

Amount requested: \$50,000

Matching funds: \$223,000

Contract expiration date: 9/30/2013

2011 Summary of Reported Totals

Total Projected Costs:	\$1,538,764.00
Total Grant Amounts Requested:	\$586,069.00
Total Grant Funds Committed:	\$586,069.00
Total Matching Funds:	\$952,696.00