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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 matching construction grants to municipalities that sponsor state-aided public libraries.

Grants pay up to 50 percent of eligible costs in planning, acquisition, construction and rehabilitation of public libraries. A dollar-for-dollar match is required for grant funds received. By providing money to make critical repairs and improvements and to build new public library buildings, the General Assembly has ensured better facilities to provide vital library services.

This report is being issued to meet the reporting requirements for the Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund grant program as required by the Pennsylvania General Assembly and the Office of the Governor. Throughout the report, the Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund will also be referred to as the Keystone Fund.

Overview

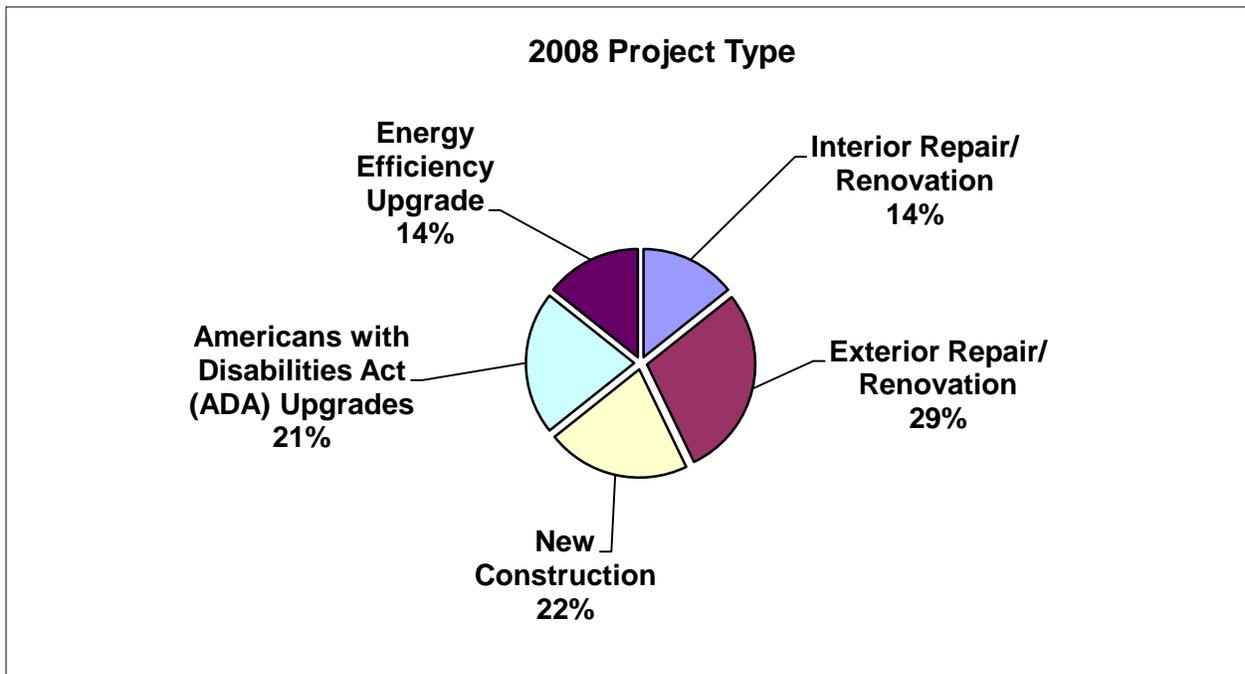
The last Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund Report was published and submitted to the Governor's Office and the General Assembly in April 2009 and covered Keystone Fund grant activity from 2004 through 2007. During this time, the Keystone Fund provided \$11,331,373 in grants to assist 67 library projects, which had a combined cost of \$ 52,207,570. All projects reported in the April 2009 report have been completed.

This report covers Keystone Fund grants awarded between 2008 and 2010.

- Keystone funds in the amount of \$2,237,655 were awarded to eight projects in 2008. All projects have been completed with four final reports pending.
- Keystone funds in the amount of \$3,662,456 were awarded to 15 projects in 2009. Six projects have been completed to date and the remaining nine projects are in progress.
- Keystone funds in the amount of \$164,657 were awarded to 16 projects in 2010. Three projects have been completed to date and the remaining 13 projects are in progress.

Keystone Fund 2008 Projects

In 2008, the Office of Commonwealth Libraries received 16 applications, requesting a total of \$4,182,394 in Keystone Fund grants, from municipalities on behalf of their public libraries. All applications were reviewed and approval for funding was given to eight library projects for a total of \$2,237,655. Keystone 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.



Summary of 2008 Projects

Grant Recipient: Bridgeville Borough (Allegheny County)

Project: Bridgeville Public Library

Granted \$500,000 to construct a 7,500 square foot library facility.

This project was completed.

Total project cost: \$2,551,299

Matching funds: \$500,000

Amount requested: \$500,000

Contract expiration date: 12/31/2010

Grant Recipient: Chartiers Township (Washington County)

Project: Chartiers-Houston Community Library

Granted \$19,955 to install Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) handicapped accessible entrance doors, make sidewalk improvements and driveway repairs. This project was completed.

Total project cost: \$54,947

Amount requested: \$19,955

Matching funds: \$19,955

Contract expiration date: 6/30/2010

Grant Recipient: Christiana Borough (Lancaster County)

Project: The Moores Memorial Library

Granted \$500,000 to renovate a vacant bank building to serve as the community library.

This project was completed.

Total project cost: \$995,126

Amount requested: \$500,000

Matching funds: \$500,000

Contract expiration date: 12/31/2010

Grant Recipient: Lansdowne Borough (Delaware County)

Project: Lansdowne Public Library

Granted \$17,198 to replace the roof and gutter system. This project was completed.

Total project cost: \$34,396

Amount requested: \$17,198

Matching funds: \$17,198

Contract expiration date: 12/31/2010

Grant Recipient: Mercer Borough (Mercer County)

Project: Mercer Area Library

Granted \$456,760 to construct a 2,867 square foot addition and renovate an existing 2,850 square foot space. This project was completed. The final cost of the project was less than expected and \$120,371 of the disbursed funds was returned to the Commonwealth.

Total project cost: \$793,149

Amount requested: \$456,760

Matching funds: \$456,760

Funds returned: \$120,371

Contract expiration date: 12/31/2010

Grant Recipient: North East Borough (Erie County)

Project: McCord Memorial Library

Granted \$43,742 to repair and restore masonry of edifice; exterior window maintenance; replace floor covering; replace built-in copper gutters; replace interior lighting; paint interior walls; and repair the existing air conditioning system. This project was been completed.

Total project cost: \$87,483

Amount requested: \$43,742

Matching funds: \$73,454

Contract expiration date: 12/31/2010

Grant Recipient: Patton Borough (Cambria County)

Project: Patton Public Library

Granted \$400,000 to construct a 4,068 square foot library facility. The project was completed.

Total project cost: \$827,672

Amount requested: \$400,000

Matching funds: \$427,672

Contract expiration date: 12/31/2010

Grant Recipient: Pittsburgh City (Allegheny County)

Project: Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh

Granted \$300,000 to upgrade existing lighting in the stacks of the main library. This project was completed.

Total project cost: \$601,954

Amount requested: \$300,000

Matching funds: \$301,954

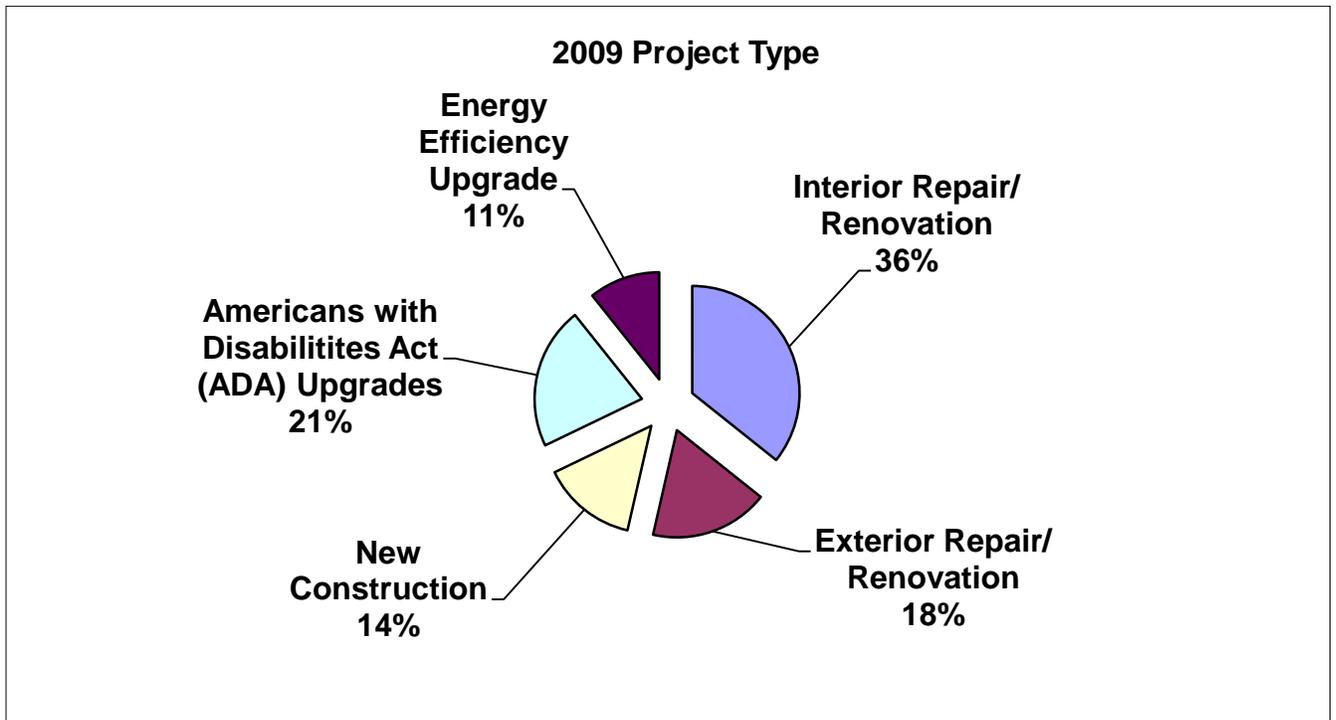
Contract expiration date: 12/31/2010

2008 Summary of Reported Totals

Total Project Costs:	\$5,946,026
Total Grant Amounts Requested:	\$2,237,655
Total Grant Funds Committed:	\$2,237,655
Total Matching Funds:	\$2,296,993

Keystone Fund 2009 Projects

In 2009, the Office of Commonwealth Libraries received 15 applications, requesting a total of \$3,662,456 in Keystone Fund grants, from municipalities on behalf of their public libraries. All applications were reviewed and approval for funding was given to all 15 library projects for a total of \$3,662,456. Keystone 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.



Summary of 2009 Projects

Grant Recipient: Baden Borough (Beaver County)

Project: Baden Memorial Library

Granted \$43,125 to redesign floor plan and traffic flow, as well as update electrical, plumbing and mechanical services. The project was completed.

Total projected cost: \$86,125

Amount requested: \$43,125

Matching funds: \$43,125

Contract expiration date: 12/31/2011

Grant Recipient: Bethlehem City (Northampton County)

Project: Bethlehem Area Public Library

Granted \$575,000 for phase one of a three phase project. Phase one of the project included a new roof; new elevator and modernization of an existing elevator; reconfiguration of office spaces and creation of a larger meeting room; and asbestos abatement. As of June 2011, the project is 99 percent complete.

Total projected cost: \$1,150,000

Amount requested: \$575,000

Matching funds: \$575,000

Contract expiration date: 12/31/2011

Grant Recipient: Brockway Borough (Jefferson County)

Project: Mengle Memorial Library

Granted \$358,019 to renovate an open-air courtyard to provide an elevator with a mechanical room; extend both floor levels; replace ceiling and lighting in the children's area; replace worn carpeting; replace the exterior lighting; repair the heating and electrical systems; and make restrooms and kitchen ADA compliant. As of June 2011, this project is in progress.

Total projected cost: \$716,038

Amount requested: \$358,019

Matching funds: \$358,019

Contract expiration date: 12/31/2011

Grant Recipient: City of Oil City (Venango County)

Project: Oil City Library

Granted \$57,500 to construct a handicapped accessible entrance ramp which is ADA compliant. As of June 2011, this project is in progress.

Total projected cost: \$115,000

Amount requested: \$57,500

Matching funds: \$57,500

Contract expiration date: 12/31/2011

Grant Recipient: Grove City Borough (Mercer County)

Project: Grove City Community Library

Granted \$426,074 to construct a 2,657 square foot addition which will be used to expand the children's area, house a new meeting room and provide patrons with computer/internet area. As of April 2011, this project was 50 percent complete.

Total projected cost: \$852,149

Amount requested: \$426,074

Matching funds: \$426,074

Contract expiration date: 12/31/2011

Grant Recipient: Hatboro Borough (Montgomery County)

Project: Union Library Company of Hatborough

Granted \$29,395 for repairs required to preserve the original 1849 building which included maintenance of exterior stone foundation walls and removal and replacement of the existing plaster ceiling. This project was completed.

Total project cost: \$61,993

Amount requested: \$29,395

Matching funds: \$32,598

Contract expiration date: 12/31/2011

Grant Recipient: Hollidaysburg Borough (Blair County)

Project: Hollidaysburg Area Public Library

Granted \$575,000 to build a 15,590 square foot, two-story, brick building on a recently purchased site adjacent to the junior and senior high schools and the local YMCA. Unforeseen issues delayed the bidding process on the local level. As of June 2011 this project is in progress.

Total projected cost: \$1,150,000

Amount requested: \$575,000

Matching funds: \$575,000

Contract expiration date: 12/31/2011

Grant Recipient: Jenkintown Borough (Montgomery County)

Project: Jenkintown Library

Granted \$15,000 to preserve the exterior of the library building which included scraping old and blistered paint, and painting window frames and other exterior surfaces. The project was completed.

Total project cost: \$31,790

Amount requested: \$15,000

Matching funds: \$15,000

Contract expiration date: 12/31/2011

Grant Recipient: Milton Borough (Northumberland County)

Project: Milton Public Library

Granted \$575,000 to renovate a newly acquired six acre property, with local historical significance, to house the Milton Public Library. Ground breaking was held March 3, 2011. General demolition of portions of the existing structure is underway, as well as excavation of adjoining grounds. All aspects of the project are either on schedule or ahead of schedule.

Total projected cost: \$3,370,868

Amount requested: \$575,000

Matching funds: \$575,000

Contract expiration date: 12/31/2011

Grant Recipient: Montour County

Project: The Thomas Beaver Free Library

Granted \$44,020 for restoration and repair of historic wooden windows, including painting of the wood trim on the exterior of the library. As of June 2011, this project is in progress.

Total projected cost: \$88,040

Amount requested: \$44,020

Matching funds: \$44,020

Contract expiration date: 12/31/2011

Grant Recipient: Pittsburgh City (Allegheny County)

Project: Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh/South Side Branch

Granted \$575,000 for a building renovation of the interior and exterior which will provide primary library functions on the main level of the facility and eliminate all accessibility barriers. As of June 2011 this project is in progress.

Total projected cost: \$1,150,000

Amount requested: \$575,000

Matching funds: \$575,000

Contract expiration date: 12/31/2011

Grant Recipient: Richland Township (Cambria County)

Project: Highland Community Library

Granted \$23,000 to replace the library's 18-year-old carpeting. This project was completed.

Total projected cost: \$46,000

Amount requested: \$23,000

Matching funds: \$23,000

Contract expiration date: 12/31/2011

Grant Recipient: Sayre Borough (Bradford County)

Project: Sayre Public Library

Granted \$40,250 for interior maintenance which includes painting the walls and ceiling, installing new carpeting and adding a security system. This project is in progress and has been granted an extension due to unanticipated issues related to local flooding.

Total projected cost: \$80,500

Amount requested: \$40,250

Matching funds: \$40,250

Contract expiration date: 12/31/2011

Grant Recipient: Womelsdorf Borough (Burks County)

Project: Womelsdorf Community Library

Granted \$239,823 to renovate an old section of the library by removing three bank vaults; building a fire-safe stair tower as an emergency exit; installing an HVAC system; upgrading the electric and plumbing; renovating the children's section; remodeling the basement to provide storage space and an office for the librarian; replacing the drive-up window with a door; and remodeling the bathroom. This project was completed.

Total projected cost: \$479,646

Amount requested: \$239,823

Matching funds: \$239,823

Contract expiration date: 12/31/2011

Grant Recipient: Upper Moreland Township (Montgomery County)

Project: Upper Moreland Free Public Library

Granted \$86,250 for the installation of ADA-compliant automatic doors; carpeting; auxiliary heat; programmable thermostats; and an interior window in children's room. This project was completed.

Total projected cost: \$172,500

Amount requested: \$86,250

Matching funds: \$86,250

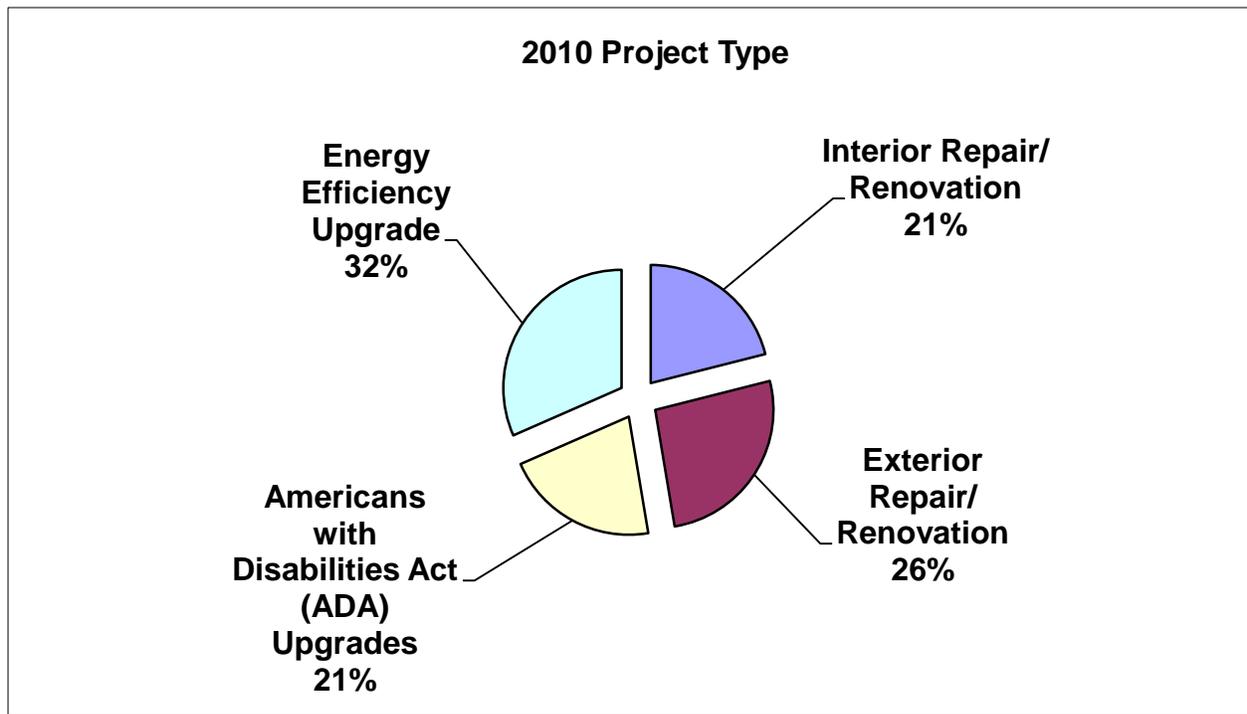
Contract expiration date: 12/31/2011

2009 Summary of Reported Totals

Total Projected Costs:	\$9,550,649
Total Grant Amounts Requested:	\$3,662,456
Total Grant Funds Committed:	\$3,662,456
Total Matching Funds:	\$3,665,659

Keystone Fund 2010 Projects

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Summary of 2010 Projects

Grant Recipient: City of Aliquippa (Beaver County)

Project: BF Jones Memorial Library

Granted \$12,500 to upgrade lighting. As of June 2011, this project is in progress.

Total projected cost: \$25,000

Amount requested: \$12,500

Matching funds: \$12,500

Contract expiration date: 12/31/2011

Grant Recipient: Blossburg Borough (Tioga County)

Project: Blossburg Memorial Library

Granted \$4,195 to replace worn and soiled carpeting in a heavy traffic area. This project was completed.

Total project cost: \$8,390

Amount requested: \$4,195

Matching funds: \$4,195

Contract expiration date: 12/31/2011

Grant Recipient: Bucks County

Project: Bucks County Free Library

Granted \$12,500 to make ADA upgrades to the public bathroom. As of June 2011, this project is in progress.

Total projected cost: \$25,000

Amount requested: \$12,500

Matching funds: \$12,500

Contract expiration date: 12/31/2011

Grant Recipient: Burgettstown Borough (Washington County)

Project: Burgettstown Community Library

Granted \$12,500 for roof repairs. As of June 2011, this project is in progress.

Total projected cost: \$25,000

Amount requested: \$12,500

Matching funds: \$12,500

Contract expiration date: 12/31/2011

Grant Recipient: Township of Cheltenham (Montgomery County)

Project: Cheltenham Township Library System

Granted \$12,500 to upgrade lighting. As of June 2011 this project is in progress.

Total projected cost: \$25,000

Amount requested: \$12,500

Matching funds: \$12,500

Contract expiration date: 12/31/2011

Grant Recipient: Columbia County Authority (Columbia County)

Project: Columbia County Traveling Library

Granted \$6,000 to replace an electrical component that was not functioning properly. This project is complete and the final report has been filed.

Total project cost: \$13,662

Amount requested: \$6,000

Matching funds: \$6,000

Contract expiration date: 12/31/2011

Grant Recipient: City of Farrell (Mercer County)

Project: Stey-Nevant Pub Library

Granted \$12,500 to replace windows. As of June 2011, this project is in progress.

Total projected cost: \$25,000

Amount requested: \$12,500

Matching funds: \$12,500

Contract expiration date: 12/31/2011

Grant Recipient: Huntingdon County

Project: Huntingdon County Library

Granted \$3,512 to upgrade the lighting for better efficiency. This project was completed.

Total project cost: \$9,450

Amount requested: \$3,512

Matching funds: \$3,512

Contract expiration date: 12/31/2011

Grant Recipient: Lower Moreland Township (Montgomery County)

Project: Huntingdon Valley Library

Granted \$12,500 to install ADA-compliant automatic entrance doors. As of June 2011, this project is in progress.

Total projected cost: \$25,000

Amount requested: \$12,500

Matching funds: \$12,500

Contract expiration date: 12/31/2011

Grant Recipient: Lackawanna County

Project: Lackawanna County Library System

Granted \$12,500 to repair an exterior wall. As of June 2011, this project is in progress.

Total projected cost: \$25,000

Amount requested: \$12,500

Matching funds: \$12,500

Contract expiration date: 12/31/2011

Grant Recipient: City of Lancaster (Lancaster County)

Project: Lancaster County Library System

Granted \$12,475 to upgrade the fire-alert system to meet ADA standards. As of June 2011, this project is in progress.

Total projected cost: \$24,950

Amount requested: \$12,475

Matching funds: \$12,475

Contract expiration date: 12/31/2011

Grant Recipient: Marysville Borough (Perry County)

Project: Marysville-Rye Library

Granted \$975 to rewire the electrical service in the building. As of June 2011, this project is in progress.

Total projected cost: \$1,950

Amount requested: \$975

Matching funds: \$975

Contract expiration date: 12/31/2011

Grant Recipient: City of Monongahela (Washington County)

Project: Monongahela Area Library

Granted \$12,500 to repair roof. As of June 2011, this project is in progress.

Total projected cost: \$42,875

Amount requested: \$12,500

Matching funds: \$12,500

Contract expiration date: 12/31/2011

Grant Recipient: Myerstown Borough (Lebanon County)

Project: Myerstown Community Library

Granted \$12,500 to replace worn carpet. As of June 2011, this project is in progress.

Total projected cost: \$25,000

Amount requested: \$12,500

Matching funds: \$12,500

Contract expiration date: 12/31/2011

Grant Recipient: North Wales Borough (Montgomery County)

Project: North Wales Area Library

Granted \$12,500 to repair outside wall cap and flashing on the roof. As of June 2011, this project is in progress.

Total projected cost: \$25,000

Amount requested: \$12,500

Matching funds: \$12,500

Contract expiration date: 12/31/2011

Grant Recipient: Radnor Township (Delaware County)

Project: Radnor Memorial Library

Granted \$12,500 to install ADA-compliant automatic entrance doors. As of June 2011, this project is in progress.

Total projected cost: \$25,000

Amount requested: \$12,500

Matching funds: \$12,500

Contract expiration date: 12/31/2011

2010 Summary of Reported Totals

Total Projected Costs:	\$351,277
Total Grant Amounts Requested:	\$164,657
Total Grant Funds Committed:	\$164,657
Total Matching Funds:	\$164,657