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## **Introduction**

The Pennsylvania General Assembly passed Act 50 of 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 planning, acquisition, construction and rehabilitation grants to municipalities that sponsor state-aided public libraries.

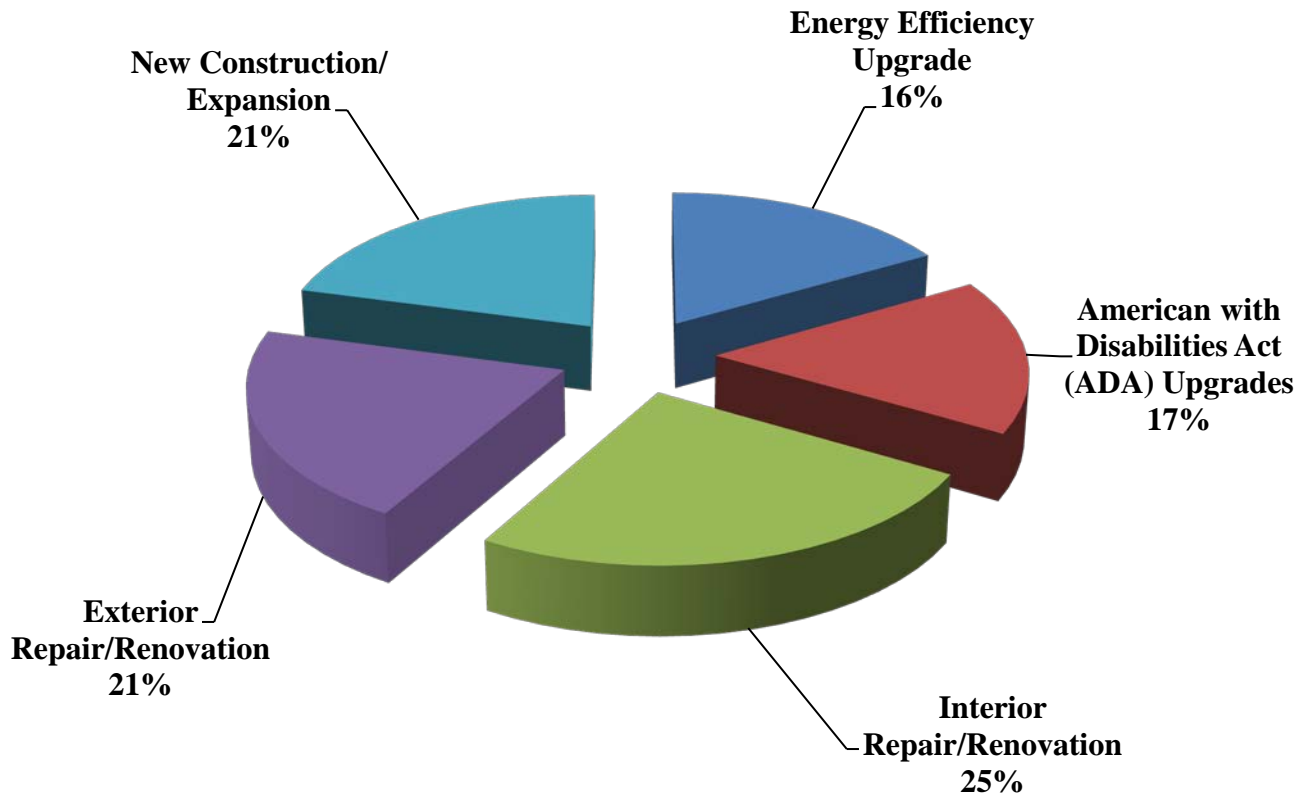
Grants are awarded to municipalities for up to 50 percent of eligible costs for public libraries facilities projects. A dollar-for-dollar match is required for each project awarded grant funds. By providing funds to public libraries to make critical repairs, renovate existing space or to build new public 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 July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013, meets that mandate.

## 2012 Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund Projects

In 2012, the Office of Commonwealth Libraries received 28 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 15 library projects for a total of \$3,706,657.

### 2012 Project Type



## Summary of 2012 Projects

### **Grant Recipient: Borough of Media (Delaware County)**

#### **Project: Media-Upper Providence Free Library**

Granted \$500,000 to renovate and develop existing space to include improved access to the second floor; ADA-compliance upgrades; replace HVAC system with a more energy efficient system; and install energy efficient windows and lighting.

Total project cost: \$2,481,809

Amount requested: \$500,000

Matching funds: \$535,305

Contract expiration date: 10/17/2014

### **Grant Recipient: Borough of Sharpsburg (Allegheny County)**

#### **Project: Sharpsburg Community Library**

Granted \$349,701 to construct a 3,000 square-foot addition to the existing structure.

Total project cost: \$699,402

Amount requested: \$349,701

Matching funds: \$349,701

Contract expiration date: 10/17/2014

### **Grant Recipient: Borough of West Pittston (Luzerne County)**

#### **Project: West Pittston Library**

Granted \$500,000 to renovate and expand existing library by 2,000 square-feet.

Total project cost: \$1,002,225

Amount requested: \$500,000

Matching funds: \$502,225

Contract expiration date: 10/17/2014

### **Grant Recipient: Borough of Youngwood (Westmoreland County)**

#### **Project: Greensburg Hempfield Area Library**

Granted \$65,950 to develop new library space which includes: drywall installation; painting; flooring; electrical outlets; HVAC components; and ADA accessibility components.

Total project cost: \$131,900

Amount requested: \$65,950

Matching funds: \$65,950

Contract expiration date: 10/17/2014

### **Grant Recipient: Cameron County**

#### **Project: Barbara Moscato Brown Memorial Library**

Granted \$28,000 to paint and repair outdoor trim; replace HVAC unit; and provide ADA accessibility.

Total project cost: \$56,000

Amount requested: \$28,000

Matching funds: \$28,000

Contract expiration date: 10/17/2014

### **Grant Recipient: City of Washington (Washington County)**

#### **Project: Citizens Library**

Granted \$500,000 to replace and upgrade existing HVAC systems to include: a new cooling plant; heating plant; air handling units; pumps; controls and an energy recovery unit for ventilation of the lower level.

Total project cost: \$1,400,000

Amount requested: \$500,000

Matching funds: \$900,000

Contract expiration date: 10/17/2014

**Grant Recipient: Connellsville City (Fayette County)**

**Project: Carnegie Free Library of Connellsville**

Granted \$150,000 to renovate the existing library facility by: replacing the roof; restoring windows; installing a new front door; and upgrading the lighting.

Total project cost: \$361,222

Amount requested: \$150,000

Matching funds: \$211,222

Contract expiration date: 10/17/2014

**Grant Recipient: Cranberry Township (Butler County)**

**Project: Cranberry Township Public Library**

Granted \$230,183 to install a new roof; install a new HVAC system; create new programming and meeting spaces; and convert existing meeting room into study rooms.

Total project cost: \$460,366

Amount requested: \$230,183

Matching funds: \$230,183

Contract expiration date: 10/17/2014

**Grant Recipient: Cumberland County Commissioners**

**Project: Shippensburg Public Library**

Granted \$500,000 to develop 11,000 square-feet of new library space and renovate the existing facility to include upgrading all mechanical systems and increasing ADA accessibility.

Total project cost: \$1,360,000

Amount requested: \$500,000

Matching funds: \$860,000

Contract expiration date: 10/17/2014

**Grant Recipient: Honesdale Borough (Wayne County)**

**Project: Wayne County Public Library**

Granted \$86,761 to rehabilitate the building's electrical system; install an energy-efficient gas boiler; and install energy-efficient windows.

Total project cost: \$173,522

Amount requested: \$86,761

Matching funds: \$86,761

Contract expiration date: 10/17/2014

**Grant Recipient: Pike County Commissioners**

**Project: Pike County Public Library**

Granted \$203,215 to develop more usable space including: an ADA accessible restroom; meeting room; and provide ADA accessibility to the lower level.

Total project cost: \$406,524

Amount requested: \$203,215

Matching funds: \$203,309

Contract expiration date: 10/17/2014

**Grant Recipient: Punxsutawney Borough (Jefferson County)**

**Project: Punxsutawney Memorial Library**

Granted \$60,000 to renovate existing space to create two meeting rooms; expand circulation and staff area; and create a more accessible vestibule with ADA-compliant exterior doors.

Total project cost: \$120,000

Amount requested: \$60,000

Matching funds: \$60,000

Contract expiration date: 10/17/2014

**Grant Recipient: Ridgway Township (Elk County)**

**Project: Ridgway Free Public Library**

Granted \$26,847 to renovate the front porch; the main library flooring; and replace the roof.

Total project cost: \$53,694

Amount requested: \$26,847

Matching funds: \$26,847

Contract expiration date: 10/17/2014

**Grant Recipient: Scranton City (Lackawanna County)**

**Project: Scranton Public Library**

Granted \$500,000 to rehabilitate the building's exterior including: re-pointing mortar joints, install new flashing on 11 gable dormers; replace anchor pins; remove and replace damaged stone arches; repair chimney; and metal railings.

Total project cost: \$1,427,507

Amount requested: \$500,000

Matching funds: \$927,507

Contract expiration date: 10/17/2014

**Grant Recipient: Wrightstown Township (Bucks County)**

**Project: Village Library of Wrightstown**

Granted \$6,000 to replace the existing roof.

Total project cost: \$12,000

Amount requested: \$6,000

Matching funds: \$6,000

Contract expiration date: 10/17/2014

**2012 Summary of Reported Totals**

The following is a summary of the cumulative totals for the 2012 Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund grant awards contained within this report:

Total Project Costs:	\$10,093,785
Total Grant Amounts Requested by 2012 Awardees:	\$3,706,657
Total Grant Funds Committed:	\$3,706,657
Total Matching Funds:	\$4,993,010