



# New Bond for the Massachusetts Public Library Construction Program

The Massachusetts Public Library Construction Program (MPLCP) provides funding for major capital projects for public libraries throughout the Commonwealth. The MPLCP has helped over 250 communities plan, build, renovate and expand their public libraries and serves as a model for other states.

**New regulations include a streamlined application process, a focus on community need, and no upfront design work.**

## New Bond and Annual Cap

The MPLCP needs a new \$150 million bond authorization to run a new grant round. Numerous libraries throughout the Commonwealth have expressed interest in participating in the upcoming grant round.

The MBLC is requesting that the annual cap, currently at \$24 million, increase \$1 million annually to keep pace with escalation, allowing the program to maintain the level of support to libraries offered throughout its existence and minimizing the waitlist.

## Why We Need the MPLCP

Massachusetts Public Libraries are busy places. Over 35 million children, teens and adults visited a public library in the past year, more than attended Red Sox, Bruins, and Patriots games combined. Yet many public libraries were built before computers existed and for populations much smaller than the ones they serve today.

## MBLC Expertise

MPLCP Building Consultants combine architectural knowledge, the latest technology, and green building practices with a deep understanding of what's needed to meet the library needs of a community now and well into the future.



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