

Capital Project Appropriation Request

9/27/2024

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| FY 24/25 | | | Oracle Date | |
| | | | Commitments | |
| Project: | 001404 | East Side Library | Obligations | |
| Agency: | 0690 | Non City Agencies: Ferguson Library | YTD Balance | |
| | | | Amount Available | |
| | | | Unfunded | |

Total Request: \$4,300,000.00

Part A - Description of Request

The Ferguson Library intends to build a new library branch on the East Side at the site of the old Hunt building. To date, the Library secured a \$3M federal earmark through Congressman Himes for this project and is launching a capital campaign to fundraise for the estimated \$10M project cost. The Mayor is submitting a request to the Board of Finance to utilize \$5M of ARPA funding to assist in making this project a reality for the East Side. The Library will lead the design and construction effort to result in a 10,000 square foot facility.

A new library branch on Stamford’s East Side will provide households along Route 1 (including public housing on Custer Street) with easy access to educational materials. This satellite facility will help Stamford expand library access and address racial inequities for families living paycheck to paycheck. The library will help Stamford support economic workforce development opportunities, job fairs, and other adult continuing education. The East End library will also help Stamford break down the digital divide by providing neighborhood residents with loaned Chromebooks and Wi-Fi hot spots.

The East Side of Stamford is diverse and economically distressed. The new East Side library branch will serve a HUD CDBG-eligible population in Census Tracts 211, 218.01, and 218.02 (primarily serving 218.02). Within these Census Tracts, the minority population is 57.5%, 58.8%, and 66.4%, respectively. Poverty is also high in the surrounding neighborhood (8.1%, 13.4%, and 9.3%, respectively). The area also includes a significant number of children under 18 (26.2% in Census Tract 211, 20.9% in Census Tract 218.01, and 18.0% in Census Tract 218.02) and seniors 65 and over (11.2% in Census Tract 211, 16.5% in Census Tract 218.01, and 13.5% in Census Tract 218.02).

The Mayor is in support of building a library that will serve as a critical educational and cultural resource on the East Side.

Part B - Appropriation Request Detail

| Fund Source | FY 24/25 | Capital Forecast | | | | | | Total |
|-------------------|-----------------------|------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------------------|
| | Amount | FY 25/26 | FY 26/27 | FY 27/28 | FY 28/29 | FY 29/30 | FY 30/31 | |
| Federal Grant ARP | 4,300,000.00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4,300,000.00 |
| Total | \$4,300,000.00 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$4,300,000.00 |

Part C - Project History

Part D - Approvals

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| Preparer | Date | OPM Director/OPM Asst Director | Date |
| Department Head | Date | Director of Administration | Date |
| Director | Date | Mayor | Date |