



California State Library announces \$175 million in addition facilities improvement grants for local libraries

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[Sacramento, Calif.] - A new round of \$175 million in facilities improvement grants for local libraries is open for applications at the California State Library.

The Building Forward Library Facilities Improvement Program has already awarded more than \$300 million to 246 libraries in 182 cities across 34 counties.

"We're excited to provide this opportunity for California communities to help create local libraries that meet their 21st Century needs and expectations. It's hard to find a smarter, more cost-effective, higher-return investment than local libraries," said Greg Lucas, California State Librarian.

Applications are open to library facility-related capital projects that address critical maintenance needs, improve energy efficiency and sustainability, expand digital access, and expand physical access.

The application process opens on March 16, 2023. Applications are due by May 18, 2023.

Applicants may submit only one application per facility, with a maximum grant award of \$10 million per library facility.

For more information, please visit the State Library website at

<https://www.library.ca.gov/grants/buildingforward>

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About the State Library: Founded in 1850, the California State Library has an extensive collection of art, books, diaries, maps, newspapers, periodicals, photographs, and posters from throughout California's rich history. The State Library is also California state government's information hub and holds federal and state publications, is home to the Bernard E. Witkin State Law Library and the Braille and Talking Book Library, and serves as the lead state agency for library-related services throughout California. [State Library website](#)

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