

What is the MPLCP?

The MPLCP is a program administered by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners that provides state grants to municipalities for new or renovated library facilities.

Projects must design a facility projected to meet the 30-year needs of the community for library service.

2023-2024 Grant Round

Phase 1: Planning & Design

- ▶ Maximum cost expected: \$250,000
- ▶ Grant covers 50% of costs up to \$100,000
- ▶ Town appropriates \$150,000

Phase 2: Construction

- ▶ Grant covers about 50% of eligible costs
- ▶ Remaining funds come from the town and fundraising efforts

Grant Requirements

The following requirements for the grant are due by May 31, 2024:

\$150,000 Town Appropriation

- ▶ Required to fund 50% of planning & design costs not covered by grant

Town Financial Details

- ▶ Annual budgets
- ▶ Financial policies
- ▶ Capital plans
- ▶ Funding scenarios

Facility Assessment

- ▶ Required to assess current building if considering a renovation/expansion

Official Management Plan

- ▶ Required to address management of operations if considering a shared facility

Site Options

- ▶ Must select at least two potential sites
Site Option 1: Current Library Site
Site Option 2: Maquan School Land

Library Building Program

- ▶ Serves as instructions to architect for design of a library

Strategic Plan

- ▶ Sets library goals for next five years

Why Is the Library Applying for an MPLCP Grant?

The 34-year-old library building can not meet current community needs for library service.

From the Community:

- ▶ Children's Room excessively small
- ▶ Lack of library & community meeting/program space
- ▶ Electrical/data access inconvenient, dates from 1990
- ▶ Wifi weak and unstable
- ▶ Building not ADA compliant
- ▶ Ongoing roof leaks
- ▶ HVAC insufficient, outdated, constantly needs repair
- ▶ Dark, poor ventilation, few windows
- ▶ No sound control or quiet areas
- ▶ Bookcases too tall, light doesn't reach lower shelves
- ▶ Poor sight lines & staff visibility into children's areas
- ▶ Furnishings 34 years old and fixed in place
- ▶ Inadequate storage space

Year of Construction

1990

Current Size of Library

8,000 sq ft

Estimated Size Required for New or Renovated Library

22,000 sq ft

Hanson was denied state grant funds to build the current facility in 1990 because the state determined the design was not large enough to meet community needs through 2010.

Community Comments

During our planning process, we asked for the community's input about the Library facility and services. Here's a sample of what we heard.

"This library "is an outstanding asset to the community"... "is an invaluable part of our daughter's education"... "provides a multitude of resources and assistance to the entire community"... "does a great job offering programs for all ages and interests".

"I would love to see the library be more the center of/hub of the community. A place where community members gather for a variety of different events."

"The library is very small and isn't as inviting (physical structure, not the employees!) as other libraries in the area."

"I would like the library to have more meeting rooms, a cafe area, & outdoor seating areas so that it is a place residents can get together & enjoy a sense of community."

"I would like a larger children's area with more interactive and engaging learning materials."

"More windows and natural light would be good, more visibility through the stacks, and more accessibility for those who need it."

Important Dates

Applications Due	May 31, 2024
Recipients Announced	Oct 2024
Planning & Design	Oct 2024-Jan 2026
Construction:	
Preliminary Work	Feb 2026-Aug 2027
Start of Construction	Aug/Sep 2027
Estimated Completion	Jan 2029-Sep 2029

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