

The state budget does offer some additional opportunities for alternative funding sources for libraries. The Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity announced the availability of up to \$60 million in Community Center Grant program funds for Michigan municipalities and organizations to expand programming or work on capital projects.

Applicants may apply for both grants, but the total request from one organization cannot exceed \$2.5 million. The deadline to apply is August 31.

Capital Project Grants

Projects could include but are not limited to: new construction, remodeling existing structures, purchasing land, purchasing equipment, purchasing and installing energy-efficient heating and/or cooling equipment, installing renewable energy systems, weatherizing facility, replacing roof and windows, installing/updating recreation fields.

Program Grants

Project examples could include but are not limited to: mentoring, STEM education, environmental justice activities, renewable energy information, disaster preparedness, outdoor education, before or after-school education, volunteer programs, youth volunteer efforts, career or workforce training, programming for women, recreational or athletic activities, senior activities, veteran support activities, food access, and wraparound services (health services, behavioral services, licensed childcare).

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