



UPPER HUDSON LIBRARY SYSTEM

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SERVICES COMMITTEE

August 14, 2019

PRESENT: Sarah Goff; Lisa Scoons; Jackie Marino; Sarah Clark
Excused: Antonio Booth
UHLS Staff: Timothy Burke; Jona Favreau

Meeting called to order at 5:02PM by T. Burke.

I. REVIEW OF CONSTRUCTION AID APPLICATIONS

T. Burke provided trustees with a number of handouts: a copy of the UHLS Public Library Construction Aid criteria, a spreadsheet showing UHLS Library award eligibility (50 or 75%), a handout including a breakdown of each 2019 UHLS Construction Aid applicant, and a spreadsheet breaking down each 2019 applicant's total project cost and maximum eligible award. T. Burke reported that there were 12 applications received this year, 3 of which are from APL and 1 was submitted by UHLS. UHLS has been allotted \$1,079,387 in NYS funds and the grant applications at maximum eligible funding totaled \$845,378. We have \$234,009 in additional funds available, otherwise the money will be returned to the state.

After much discussion, the Committee agreed that their recommendation to the Board will be to fully fund each application that was submitted. Because NYS extended the deadline into October and not wanting to return funds back to the state, the Committee asked T. Burke to reach out to the member libraries to see if anyone else would like to submit an application or add on to what was already submitted. These applications are due to UHLS (submitted in the online application portal) by Friday, September 6. The Committee is prepared to meet once more on the scheduled September 11 Board meeting to review applications and make a recommendation to the Board.

J. Favreau
08/15/19