

# SENATE BILL 501

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By: Senator M. Washington

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Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2                   **Libraries – Aging Infrastructure Capital Improvement Grant Program**  
3                    – Established

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Aging Infrastructure Capital Improvement Grant  
5 Program to be administered by the State Library Agency; providing that the funding  
6 for the Program is in addition to certain other funding; requiring the Governor to  
7 include a certain amount of funding in the annual budget bill for the Program in  
8 certain fiscal years; and generally relating to the Aging Infrastructure Capital  
9 Improvement Grant Program.

10 BY adding to

11                   Article – Education

12                   Section 23–510

13                   Annotated Code of Maryland

14                   (2022 Replacement Volume)

15                   SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
16 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

17                   **Article – Education**

18                   **23–510.**

19                   **(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**  
20 **INDICATED.**

21                   **(2) “CAPITAL PROJECT” MEANS:**

22                   **(I) THE ACQUISITION OF LAND OR BUILDINGS FOR A COUNTY**

23 **LIBRARY; AND**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (II) THE CONSTRUCTION OR IMPROVEMENT OF A COUNTY  
2 LIBRARY.

11 (B) (1) THERE IS AN AGING INFRASTRUCTURE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT  
12 GRANT PROGRAM FOR COUNTY LIBRARY CAPITAL PROJECTS IN THE STATE  
13 LIBRARY AGENCY.

18 (C) (1) THE STATE LIBRARY AGENCY SHALL DEVELOP AND ADMINISTER  
19 THE PROGRAM TO ASSIST IN THE FUNDING OF COUNTY LIBRARY CAPITAL  
20 PROJECTS.

## 28 (I) GAIN DIGITAL SKILLS;

29 (II) ACCESS NEW TECHNOLOGIES; AND

30 (III) PURSUE VOCATIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS.

#### **(4) GRANTS UNDER THE PROGRAM:**

4 (II) **MAY NOT BE FOR AN AMOUNT LESS THAN \$500,000.**

8                   **(2) TO APPLY FOR A CAPITAL PROJECT GRANT, A COUNTY PUBLIC**  
9 **LIBRARY SYSTEM SHALL HAVE:**

10 (I) A COUNTYWIDE LIBRARY PLAN THAT INCLUDES A MISSION  
11 STATEMENT, NEEDS STATEMENT, AND MULTICYEAR GOALS AND OBJECTIVES ON FILE  
12 WITH THE STATE LIBRARY AGENCY; AND

15 (3) AN APPLICATION SHALL INCLUDE:

16 (I) A DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE AND PURPOSE OF THE  
17 PROJECT;

20 (III) ANY OTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE STATE  
21 LIBRARY AGENCY.

22 (4) A COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM MAY NOT APPLY FOR MORE  
23 THAN TWO CAPITAL PROJECT GRANTS IN A FISCAL YEAR.

24 (E) (1) THE STATE LIBRARY AGENCY SHALL REVIEW GRANT  
25 APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS  
26 SECTION.

3 (I) PRIORITIZING RURAL AND DIGITALLY UNDERSERVED  
4 AREAS;

5 (II) AGE AND CONDITION OF THE FACILITY;

8 (IV) THE ESTIMATED COST AND TIMELINESS OF EXECUTING A  
9 PROJECT;

10 (v) THE FACILITY NEED IN A COUNTY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

## 21 (VI) GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY.

22 (4) ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 1 EACH YEAR, THE STATE LIBRARY  
23 BOARD SHALL:

24 (I) APPROVE CAPITAL PROJECTS FOR FUNDING IN THE STATE  
25 BUDGET FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR; AND

26 (II) FORWARD THE LIST OF APPROVED CAPITAL PROJECTS TO  
27 THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT.

28 (5) FOR EACH OF FISCAL YEARS 2024 THROUGH 2029, THE

1 GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL OPERATING OR CAPITAL BUDGET AN  
2 APPROPRIATION OF \$40,000,000 FOR COUNTY LIBRARY CAPITAL PROJECTS.

3 (F) ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1 EACH YEAR, THE STATE LIBRARY BOARD  
4 SHALL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE  
5 STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON STATE GRANTS  
6 AWARDED FOR COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY CAPITAL PROJECTS FOR THE PRIOR  
7 FISCAL YEAR.

8 (G) THE STATE LIBRARY BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO  
9 IMPLEMENT THE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SECTION.

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
11 1, 2023. It shall remain effective for a period of 6 years and, at the end of June 30, 2029,  
12 this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and  
13 of no further force and effect.