



PROJECT SUMMARIES

New Jersey Library Construction Bond Act Round Two Reallocation of Grant Funds

Library: Newark Public Library

Applicant Name: Newark Public Library Board of Trustees

County: Essex

Project Name: Main Branch Renovations and Modernization to Meet Community Needs

Total Cost: \$2,853,525.00 **Grant Amount:** \$1,426,673.00

Project Summary: The Newark Public Library requests \$1,426,762.50 in funding to rehabilitate and modernize portions of its historic Main branch. This Project will create the consolidated New Jersey Hispanic Research Information Center (NJHRIC). The HRIC is both a statewide, research level collection of materials relating to the historical and cultural experience, achievements and contributions of New Jersey's Hispanic community and a trusted resource among the immigrant community that addresses specific needs relating to legal, social and civic life. In addition, the Project relocates and reconstructs the Victoria Technology Center to improve wayfinding and accessibility for patrons, constructs new, modern public bathrooms on the first floor, and modernizes two public access elevators that are over 50 years old.

Library: Glen Ridge Public library

Applicant Name: Glen Ridge Library Board of Trustees

County: Essex

Project Name: Barrier-Free and Expanded Access of the Historic Glen Ridge Public Library

Total Cost: \$494,722.00 **Grant Amount:** \$247,361

Project Summary: The Glen Ridge Public Library is visited daily by hundreds of people of all ages and meeting the needs of those visiting is essential. The Project aims to rectify several facility inadequacies and access to critical library services that do not currently exist. The Project doubles our bathroom access and relocates the technical services office, enabling its current area to be rehabilitated and used for both the construction of a small study room, and with the addition of movable stacks enables the creation of Flexible Programming Spaces. The Library lacks sufficient restroom facilities to meet the daily demand. The Library has one unisex restroom for all patrons. but also as the community-designated emergency location, having ample access to restrooms and meeting spaces is essential.