

Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners
Massachusetts Public Library Construction Program

Awards – Project Summary and Recommendation
General Construction Projects Application Round 2016-2017

Municipality: Sharon

Library: Sharon Public Library

Project Type: New Construction

Population:

2016: 19,714 2035: 22,098

Total Square Feet:

Existing Gross: 10,600

Projected Gross: 25,668

Estimated Total Project Costs: \$17,750,528

Estimated Eligible Project Costs: \$16,632,633

Recommended Grant Award: To be placed # <u>6</u> of 24 on the waiting list at \$7,485,943

Abstract:

The Town of Sharon’s current library is an original 1914 Carnegie library which has been expanded twice, once in 1960 and again in 1979 for a total of 10,600 sf. A newly constructed library will be located at 1 School Street, about a quarter mile from the current library, and will be 25,668 sf.

Sharon’s current service population is 19,714 and the projected service population for 2034 is 22,098.

Major features of the new library will include expanded patron, staff and programming space, a teen room, media lab, business pods for work-at-home library patrons, improved telecommunications and HVAC systems, improved security and building access with full ADA compliance, larger community room and quiet study spaces. The new site is three times larger and will afford sufficient onsite parking, something this library never had before.

This project may also qualify for an MPLCP Green Library Incentive following completion of construction, if official LEED certification from the US Green Building Council is attained.

Recommendation:

This project has successfully met all criteria in the grant review process and is recommended for funding. MBLC staff will meet with the awardee to discuss recommended design modifications identified by the Review Team prior to the resumption of the design process.