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P.L. 2021, CHAPTER 370, *approved January 12, 2022*
Assembly, No. 6148

- 1 **AN ACT** appropriating \$37,174,636.71 from the “New Jersey
2 Library Construction Fund” to provide grants for the
3 construction, reconstruction, development, extension,
4 improvement, and furnishing of New Jersey’s public libraries.
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- 6 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
7 *of New Jersey:*
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- 9 1. a. There is appropriated from the “New Jersey Library
10 Construction Fund,” established pursuant to section 14 of P.L.2017,
11 c.149, to the State Librarian the sum of \$27,544,551 to provide
12 large project grants for the construction, reconstruction,
13 development, extension, improvement, and furnishing of New
14 Jersey public libraries and \$9,630,085.71 to provide small project
15 grants for barrier-free improvements and repairs of New Jersey
16 public libraries.
- 17 b. Large project grants shall be awarded in the amounts as
18 follows:
- 19 (1) \$1,500,000 to the Edison Township Free Public Library in
20 Edison Township, Middlesex County;
- 21 (2) \$472,464 to the Highland Park Public Library in Highland
22 Park, Middlesex County;
- 23 (3) \$3,996,437.50 to the Hillside Public Library in Hillside,
24 Union County;
- 25 (4) \$3,100,000 to the Long Branch Public Library in Long
26 Branch, Monmouth County;
- 27 (5) \$700,088 to the Maywood Public Library in Maywood,
28 Bergen County;
- 29 (6) \$4,824,000 to the Ocean County Library in Manahawkin,
30 Ocean County;
- 31 (7) \$6,529,148 to the South Orange Public Library in South
32 Orange, Essex County;
- 33 (8) \$302,250 to the Trenton Free Public Library in Trenton,
34 Mercer County;
- 35 (9) \$3,236,586.50 to the Union City Public Library in Union
36 City, Hudson County; and
- 37 (10) \$2,883,577 to the Free Public Library of the Borough of
38 Woodland Park, Woodland Park, Passaic County.
- 39 c. Small project grants shall be awarded in the amounts as
40 follows:

- 1 (1) \$284,000 to the Atlantic City Free Library in Atlantic City,
2 Atlantic County;
- 3 (2) \$549,013.50 to the Atlantic County Egg Harbor Township
4 Branch Library in Egg Harbor, Atlantic City;
- 5 (3) \$920,661 to the Atlantic County Galloway Township Branch
6 Library in Galloway Township, Atlantic County;
- 7 (4) \$694,212 to the Atlantic County Library System in Mays
8 Landing, Atlantic County;
- 9 (5) \$150,000 to the Belleville Public Library in Belleville, Essex
10 County;
- 11 (6) \$95,042.50 to the Bernards Township Library in Bernards
12 Township, Somerset County;
- 13 (7) \$256,040.16 to the Bound Brook Memorial Library Branch
14 of the Somerset County Library System in Bound Brook, Somerset
15 County;
- 16 (8) \$61,681 to the Chester Library in Chester Borough and
17 Chester Township, Morris County;
- 18 (9) \$228,750 to the Clark Public Library in Clark, Union
19 County;
- 20 (10) \$189,150 to the Clifton Memorial Library in Clifton,
21 Passaic County;
- 22 (11) \$98,725 to the Dixon Homestead Library in Dumont,
23 Bergen County;
- 24 (12) \$234,813 to the Elizabeth Public Library in Elizabeth,
25 Union County;
- 26 (13) \$96,250 to the Elizabeth Public Library in Elizabeth, Union
27 County;
- 28 (14) \$165,750 to the Elizabeth Public Library in Elizabeth,
29 Union County;
- 30 (15) \$155,400 to the Emerson Public Library in Emerson,
31 Bergen County;
- 32 (16) \$70,000 to the Frenchtown Public Library in Frenchtown,
33 Hunterdon County;
- 34 (17) \$913,974 to the Free Public Library of the Borough of
35 Madison in the Borough of Madison, Morris County;
- 36 (18) \$500,000 to the Maurice M. Pine Public Library in Fair
37 Lawn, Bergen County;
- 38 (19) \$1,764,447 to the Newark Public Library in Newark, Essex
39 County;
- 40 (20) \$64,320 to the North Arlington Public Library in North
41 Arlington, Bergen County;
- 42 (21) \$284,115.05 to the Nutley Free Public Library in Nutley,
43 Essex County;
- 44 (22) \$566,153.50 to the Plainfield Public Library in Plainfield,
45 Union County;
- 46 (23) \$172,500 to the South River Public Library in South River,
47 Middlesex County;

1 (24) \$183,573 to the Summit Free Public Library in Summit,
2 Union County;

3 (25) \$217,500 to the Tinton Falls Public Library in Tinton Falls,
4 Monmouth County; and

5 (26) \$714,015 to the Weehawken Free Public Library in
6 Weehawken, Hudson County.

7 d. In the event that any of the large project grants awarded
8 pursuant to subsection b. of this section are unable to proceed,
9 thereby resulting in such appropriated monies being available for
10 other projects, including through non-acceptance of a grant award,
11 such funds are hereby appropriated to award large project grants in
12 the amounts and in such order as follows:

13 (1) \$2,450,000 to the Library of the Chathams in Chatham
14 Borough and Chatham Township, Morris County;

15 (2) \$247,361 to the Glen Ridge Library in Glen Ridge, Essex
16 County;

17 (3) \$1,622,900 to the Metuchen Public Library in Metuchen,
18 Middlesex County;

19 (4) \$1,426,673 to the Newark Public Library in Newark, Essex
20 County; and

21 (5) \$1,046,000 to the Rahway Public Library in Rahway, Union
22 County.

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24 2. There is appropriated from the “New Jersey Library
25 Construction Fund” to the New Jersey Educational Facilities
26 Authority the sum of \$375,000 for the administrative costs of the
27 authority in implementing the provisions of the “New Jersey
28 Library Construction Bond Act,” P.L.2017, c.149.

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30 3. The expenditure of sums appropriated by this act shall be
31 subject to the provisions and conditions of the “New Jersey Library
32 Construction Bond Act,” P.L.2017, 149.

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34 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

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37 STATEMENT

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39 This bill appropriates a total of \$37,174,636.71 from the “New
40 Jersey Library Construction Fund.” Under the bill, \$27,544,551 is
41 appropriated to the State Librarian for the purpose of providing
42 large project grants for the construction, reconstruction,
43 development, extension, improvement, and furnishing of New
44 Jersey public libraries, and \$9,630,085.71 is appropriated to provide
45 small project grants for barrier-free improvements and repairs of
46 New Jersey public libraries. In the event that any of the large
47 project grants appropriated under the bill are unable to proceed,
48 resulting in monies being available for other projects, the bill

1 stipulates that those funds are to be appropriated to certain
2 alternative large projects in an order specified in the bill. The bill
3 also appropriates \$375,000 to the New Jersey Educational Facilities
4 Authority for the administration of the “New Jersey Library
5 Construction Bond Act.”

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