**Section 3035.435 Grant Funding Limitations**

Fiscal limitations on library building construction grants under Section 8 of the Illinois Library System Act shall include the following:

a) The public libraries in any one county shall not receive more than 50% of the funding in each application round unless there are insufficient applications from libraries in other counties to expend the entire appropriation. Grants to library systems shall not be included in calculating this 50% limitation.

b) The maximum grant for each library political unit shall be $125,000 per annual funding cycle unless there are insufficient applications from other political units to expend the entire appropriation. This subsection (b) shall not be used to award grants in excess of the maximum grants per project specified in subsection (c).

c) The minimum grant awarded for mini-grants shall be $2,500. The minimum grant awarded for projects other than mini-grants and remodeling for accessibility shall be $25,000. The maximum grant awarded for mini-grants shall not exceed $35,000; the maximum grant awarded for remodeling for accessibility projects shall not exceed $50,000; and the maximum grant awarded for other projects shall not exceed $125,000.

d) Priority will be given to a library that has not received any construction funding, whether under a library construction grant program or a specific appropriation from the Secretary of State, during the three prior State fiscal years, including the current State fiscal year.

e) For projects of a unique nature or resulting from a disaster, the Secretary of State, on the advice of the Illinois State Library, may raise the ceiling, award less than the minimum grant amount, make a special grant award, or allow for consecutive years of funding.

f) Grant contracts awarded under this Part must be signed within 90 days after the grant award notification.

g) A public library may only apply for either a Public Library Construction Grant or a Public Library Construction Act Grant in the same award year.

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