

**M. Uniondale Public Library – Computer Skills Enhancement Center (W490)**

March 26, 2010

- Grantee:** Uniondale Public Library (the “Library”)
- ESD Investment:** A grant of up to \$125,000 to be used for a portion of the cost of creating a computer center in the newly constructed library wing.
- Project Location:** 400 Uniondale Avenue, Uniondale, Nassau County
- NYS Empire Zone (or equivalent):** N/A
- Project Completion:** December 2008
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**Project Description:**

Background

In 1963, the Uniondale Library District, which previously existed as slightly different incarnations, was officially established. In October 1965, the Library moved to its present location, a 14,000-square-foot fully air-conditioned facility with public meeting rooms, as well as special rooms for periodical storage and children’s story hour. By 1991, the building was renovated to include an elevator and other improvements to comply with ADA codes and to be more energy efficient. On January 29, 2002, the Town of Hempstead approved a bond sale to expand and renovate the Library to 31,000 square feet, which included an increase in computer facilities for the public, both children and adults. The Library currently serves a population of over 25,000 residents in its district.

The Project

The project consisted of the creation of a computer skills enhancement center within the existing basement area of a newly constructed library wing, which had been a storage area. The center required new walls, acoustic tile ceiling, electrical wiring, and modifications to the HVAC, fire alarm and fire sprinkler systems. A wireless network was connected to data cabling already available in the room. Construction began in August 2008 and was completed by December 2008. Architects were Bentel & Bentel of Locust Valley, and Fidele Construction Inc. of Hauppauge served as general contractors.

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Upon completion of the project, the Grantee will furnish a final report describing the impact and effectiveness of the project.

Financing Uses	Amount	Financing Sources	Amount	Percent
Architectural and Engineering fees	\$24,000	ESD Grant	\$125,000	66%
General Construction	59,300	Uniondale Public Library Building Fund	63,350	34%
HVAC, electrical and fire alarm systems upgrades	105,050			
Total Project Costs	\$188,350	Total Project Financing	\$188,350	100%

**Statutory Basis – Community Capital Assistance Program:**

The project was authorized in accordance with Chapter 84 of the Laws of 2002 and reappropriated in the 2009-2010 New York State budget.

**Disclosure and Accountability Certifications:**

The Grantee has provided ESDC with the required Disclosure and Accountability Certifications. Grantee’s certifications indicate that Grantee has no conflict of interest or good standing violations and, therefore, staff recommends that the Corporation authorize the grant to the Grantee as described in these materials.